

CHAPTER 119

SNOWMOBILE USER FEE

Original House Bill No. 128

AN ACT relating to snowmobiles; creating a snowmobile user fee as specified; amending the snowmobile registration fee; specifying distribution of the snowmobile user fee; specifying department of commerce duties; providing exemptions; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-409 is created to read:

31-2-409. Snowmobile user fee; amount of fee; disposition of fees; account created; duties of department of commerce; duration of decal; exemptions.

(a) In addition to the registration fees required under W.S. 31-2-403, there shall be collected by registration selling agents an annual snowmobile user fee as follows:

(i) For a snowmobile owned by a Wyoming resident for which the registration fee under W.S. 31-2-404(a)(i) has been paid \$10.00

(ii) For any other snowmobile not exempt under subsection (f) of this section \$15.00

(b) The registration selling agent shall forward to the department of commerce the original copy of the snowmobile user fee form together with:

(i) The amount required under W.S. 31-2-404(c)(i) and snowmobile user fee as provided in paragraph (a)(i) of this section;

(ii) Nineteen dollars (\$19.00) [fourteen dollars (\$14.00)] of each snowmobile user fee as provided in paragraph (a)(ii) of this section.

(c) There is hereby created a snowmobile trails fund within the enterprise fund. The monies collected under this section and forwarded to the department of commerce shall be deposited in the fund created by this section and may be expended by the department subject to approval by the legislature for the administration of the snowmobile trails program.

(d) The department of commerce shall:

(i) Administer the snowmobile trails program;

(ii) Furnish a sufficient quantity of numbered decals and necessary forms to each registration selling agent;

(iii) Keep a full and complete record of all snowmobile user fees collected.

(e) The annual snowmobile user fee numbered decal shall be valid from July 1 of the year designated until June 30 of the following year.

(f) Snowmobiles for which registration fees have been paid under W.S. 31-2-404(a)(ii) and snowmobiles exempt under W.S. 31-2-408(a)(i) and (ii) are exempt from the provisions of this section. The snowmobile user fee prescribed by paragraph (a)(ii) of this section may be waived on an annual basis by the director of the department of commerce in an area designated by the department through a cooperative agreement whereby other governmental agencies agree to contribute to the snowmobile trail maintenance and grooming for that area.

(g) The decal issued under this section shall be prominently displayed on the exterior of the snowmobile.

Section 2. W.S. 31-2-401(a)(iii), 31-2-402(b), 31-2-404(a)(i) and (c)(i) and (d) and 31-2-407 are amended to read:

31-2-401. Definitions.

(a) For purposes of this act:

(iii) "This act" means W.S. 31-2-401 through ~~31-2-408~~ 31-2-409.

31-2-402. Registration selling agents; application for registration.

(b) The department of commerce through the division of ~~parks and cultural resources~~ state parks and historic sites shall in accordance with W.S. 36-4-123, appoint selling agents to sell snowmobile registrations and user fees. Each selling agent shall retain one dollar (\$1.00) for each user fee sold under W.S. 31-2-409(a)(ii) or for each registration he sells ~~sold~~. Designated department employees may sell snowmobile registrations and user fees, but no employee shall receive any commission on registrations ~~sold or user fees collected~~.

31-2-404. Amount of fee; ad valorem tax exemption; disposition of fees; duties of department of commerce.

(a) Except as provided in W.S. 31-2-408, the annual registration fee for a snowmobile is:

(i) For a snowmobile intended for private use ~~\$15.00~~ 5.00;

(c) The registration selling agent shall forward to the department of commerce the original copy of the registration application together with:

(i) ~~Fourteen dollars (\$14.00)~~ Four dollars (\$4.00) of each registration fee as provided for in paragraph (a)(i) of this section;

(d) The fees forwarded to the department of commerce under this section shall be deposited ~~to the general fund together with the original copy of the registration application~~ in the snowmobile trails fund created by W.S. 31-2-409(c) and may be expended by the department subject to approval by the legislature.

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31-2-407. Duration of certificate and number. Every certificate and number issued pursuant to W.S. 31-2-401 through ~~31-2-408~~ 31-2-409 shall ~~continue in full force and effect to and until and shall expire on July 1, each~~ be valid from July 1 of the year designated until June 30 of the following year. The use of license plates or decals issued during any registration year is hereby authorized and legalized until and including the first day of August of the next succeeding registration year.

Section 3. This act is effective May 30, 1996.

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