

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1403

As Passed House:
January 23, 2008

Title: An act relating to snowmobile registration.

Brief Description: Modifying snowmobile registration requirements.

Sponsors: By Representatives O'Brien, Hinkle, Condotta, Fromhold, Ahern, McCune and Warnick.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 2/1/07, 2/12/07 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/28/07, 97-0.

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 1/23/08, 97-0.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removes the registration requirement for snowmobiles that are owned or transported but not operated in Washington.
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 25 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Flannigan, Vice Chair; Jarrett, Ranking Minority Member; Schindler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Armstrong, Campbell, Curtis, Dickerson, Eddy, Ericksen, Hailey, Hankins, Kristiansen, Lovick, Rodne, Rolfes, Sells, Simpson, Springer, B. Sullivan, Takko, Upthegrove, Wallace and Wood.

Staff: Teresa Berntsen (786-7301).

Background:

Generally, snowmobiles must be registered with the Department of Licensing (DOL) if owned, transported, or operated in Washington.

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The annual registration fee is either \$12 or \$30, depending on the age of the snowmobile. The fee is deposited into the Snowmobile Account within the State General Fund. Monies in the Snowmobile Account are appropriated to the State Parks and Recreation Commission for snowmobile purposes (e.g., operation and maintenance of snowmobile facilities, and the implementation of safety and education programs).

Summary of Bill:

Snowmobiles are required to be registered with DOL only if operated in Washington. A person who owns or transports a snowmobile but does not operate it is not required to register the snowmobile.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This bill corrects an apparent oversight in the law. Currently the law requires persons who just own or transport a snowmobile but do not operate it to register the snowmobile, which is not required for cars.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative O'Brien, prime sponsor; and Howard Briggs, Washington State Snowmobile Association.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.