
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5179

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to snowmobile registrations; and amending RCW
2 46.10.020 and 46.10.040.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.10.020 and 2005 c 235 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in this chapter, ~~((no))~~ a person ~~((shall~~
7 ~~own, transport, or))~~ may not operate any snowmobile within this state
8 unless such snowmobile has been registered in accordance with the
9 provisions of this chapter. ~~((However, a vintage snowmobile only~~
10 ~~requires registration if operated within this state.))~~

11 (2) A registration number shall be assigned, without payment of a
12 fee, to snowmobiles owned by the state of Washington or its political
13 subdivisions, and the assigned registration number shall be displayed
14 upon each snowmobile in such manner as provided by rules adopted by the
15 department.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.10.040 and 2005 c 235 s 3 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) Application for registration shall be made to the department in

1 the manner and upon forms the department prescribes, and shall state
2 the name and address of each owner of the snowmobile to be registered,
3 and shall be signed by at least one such owner, and shall be
4 accompanied by an annual registration fee (~~(to be established by the~~
5 ~~commission, after consultation with the committee and any statewide~~
6 ~~snowmobile user groups)~~) as described in (a) of this subsection.

7 (a) The annual registration fee for snowmobiles (~~(newer)~~)
8 manufactured less than thirty years is thirty dollars. The annual
9 registration fee for vintage snowmobiles is twelve dollars. The
10 department shall design, in cooperation with the commission, a distinct
11 registration decal which shall be issued to vintage snowmobiles upon
12 payment of the annual registration fee.

13 (b) Upon receipt of the application and the application fee, the
14 snowmobile shall be registered and a registration number assigned,
15 which shall be affixed to the snowmobile in a manner provided in RCW
16 46.10.070.

17 (2) The registration provided in this section shall be valid for a
18 period of one year. At the end of the period of registration, every
19 owner of a snowmobile in this state shall renew his or her registration
20 in the manner the department prescribes, for an additional period of
21 one year, upon payment of the annual registration fee as determined by
22 the commission.

23 (3) Any person acquiring a snowmobile already validly registered
24 under the provisions of this chapter must, within ten days of the
25 acquisition or purchase of the snowmobile, make application to the
26 department for transfer of the registration, and the application shall
27 be accompanied by a transfer fee of five dollars.

28 (4) A snowmobile owned by a resident of another state or Canadian
29 province where registration is not required by law may be issued a
30 nonresident registration permit valid for not more than sixty days.
31 Application for the permit shall state the name and address of each
32 owner of the snowmobile to be registered and shall be signed by at
33 least one owner and shall be accompanied by a registration fee of five
34 dollars. The registration permit shall be carried on the vehicle at
35 all times during its operation in this state.

36 (5) The registration fees provided in this section shall be in lieu
37 of any personal property or excise tax heretofore imposed on
38 snowmobiles by this state or any political subdivision thereof, and no

1 city, county, or other municipality, and no state agency shall
2 hereafter impose any other registration or license fee on any
3 snowmobile in this state.

4 (6) The department shall make available a pair of uniform decals
5 consistent with the provisions of RCW 46.10.070. In addition to the
6 registration fee provided in this section the department shall charge
7 each applicant for registration the actual cost of the decal. The
8 department shall make available replacement decals for a fee equivalent
9 to the actual cost of the decals.

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