

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5831

As of January 18, 2024

Title: An act relating to providing permanent registration for vintage snowmobiles.

Brief Description: Providing permanent registration for vintage snowmobiles.

Sponsors: Senators Hawkins, Holy, Lovick, Wellman and Wilson, J..

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/18/24.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Creates a new permanent vintage snowmobile registration option.
- Specifies the distribution of the fee associated with the permanent vintage snowmobile registration.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Background: Snowmobiles operating in the state must be registered with the Department of Licensing (DOL) and must display a snowmobile decal. A vintage snowmobile is defined as a snowmobile that was manufactured at least 30 years ago. The annual registration fee for vintage snowmobiles is \$12. The registration fees are deposited in the Snowmobile Account which is used for snowmobile-related programs and activities.

In addition to the annual registration fee, a vintage snowmobile registration transaction is also subject to the following annual fees:

- an \$8.00 for registration service fee which, depending on where the transaction occurs, is deposited into the Capital Vessel Replacement Account or is retained by a licensing subagent;

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- a \$4.50 filing which is usually distributed to the county where the transaction occurs for deposit in their general fund;
- a \$0.50 license service fee which is deposited in the Department of Licensing Services Account; and
- a \$0.25 license plate technology fee which is deposited in the License Plate Technology Account.

The total of these combined fees means that generally a vintage snowmobile is subject to \$25.25 in annual fees.

According to DOL, there were 204 vintage snowmobiles registered in fiscal year 2023.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): A new permanent vintage snowmobile registration option is created. A vintage snowmobile in good working order used only for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, and parades, and for occasional pleasure use, may be issued a permanent vintage registration. A snowmobile with a permanent vintage registration is exempt from annual registration renewal requirements.

The fee for the permanent vintage snowmobile registration is \$70.00 which is distributed as follows:

- \$35.76 to the Snowmobile Account;
- \$8.91 which will usually be distributed to the county where the transaction occurs for deposit in their general fund;
- \$23.84 which, depending on where the transaction occurs, will either be deposited in the Capital Vessel Replacement Account or retained by a licensing subagent;
- \$0.99 to the Department of Licensing Services Account; and
- \$0.50 to the License Plate Technology Account.

The permanent vintage snowmobile registration transaction would also be subject to the \$4.50 filing fee, the \$0.50 license service fee, and the \$0.25 license plate technology fee. The one-time combined fees for the newly created permanent vintage snowmobile registration totals \$75.25.

A vintage snowmobile with a permanent vintage registration must display a vintage snowmobile decal assigned by DOL. A violation of these requirements is a traffic infraction with a maximum fine of \$150.

The permanent vintage registration expires when the vintage snowmobile changes ownership, is permanently removed from the state, or is otherwise disposed of.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on August 1, 2025.