

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5234

As of January 16, 2025

Title: An act relating to snowmobile registration fees.

Brief Description: Concerning snowmobile registration fees.

Sponsors: Senators Shewmake and Nobles; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/20/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Increases the annual registration fee for snowmobiles from \$50 to \$75.
- Increases the annual registration fee for vintage snowmobiles from \$12 to \$18.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Bryon Moore (786-7726)

Background: Snowmobiles operating in the state must be registered with the Department of Licensing and must display a snowmobile decal. The annual registration fee for snowmobiles is \$50.

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

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also subject to the following annual fees:

- an \$8 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;
- a \$4.50 filing fee 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.

Summary of Bill: Beginning September 30, 2025, the annual registration fee for snowmobiles is increased from \$50 to \$75, and the annual registration fee for vintage snowmobiles is increased from \$12 to \$18.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 14, 2025.

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

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.