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Introduced by Sens. LITTLE, DeFRANCISCO, ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the definition of "snowmobile"; to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to increasing state aid to localities for enforcement of provisions relating to snowmobiles; and to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to penalties for operation of an unregistered snowmobile

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 21.05 of the parks, recreation
2 and historic preservation law is amended to read as follows:
3 3. "Snowmobile" shall mean a self-propelled vehicle equipped with a
4 motor, originally manufactured and designed for travel on snow or ice,
5 steered by skis or runners and supported in whole or in part by one or
6 more skis, belts or tracked cleats.
7 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 27.15 of the parks, recreation and
8 historic preservation law, as amended by chapter 839 of the laws of
9 1973, is amended to read as follows:
10 2. The amount of state aid to be allocated to counties, cities, towns
11 or villages shall be determined by the commissioner as hereinafter
12 provided. The commissioner shall determine the percentage proportion
13 which the authorized expenditures of each individual county, city, town
14 or village, but not exceeding [~~twenty-five~~] fifty thousand dollars for
15 each county including the municipalities therein, shall bear to the

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 total authorized expenditures of all the counties, cities, towns or
2 villages for enforcement of such provisions during the fiscal year. Such
3 percentage proportion shall then be applied against an amount equal to
4 twenty-five percent of the amount received by the state in fees received
5 for registration of snowmobiles during such fiscal year, to the extent
6 only and not exceeding the sum of [~~one~~] two hundred [~~fifty~~] thousand
7 dollars. The amount thus determined shall constitute the maximum amount
8 of state aid to which each county, city, town or village shall be enti-
9 tled. Provided, however, that no county, city, town or village shall
10 receive state aid in an amount in excess of [~~one-half~~] three-quarters of
11 its authorized expenditures as approved by the commissioner for such
12 fiscal year. The commissioner shall certify to the comptroller the
13 amount thus determined for each county, city, town or village as the
14 amount of state aid to be apportioned to such county, city, town or
15 village.

16 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 2221 of the vehicle and traffic law, as
17 added by chapter 839 of the laws of 1973, is amended to read as follows:

18 1. Snowmobile. Any self-propelled vehicle equipped with a motor,
19 originally manufactured and designed for travel on snow or ice, steered
20 by skis or runners and supported in whole or in part by one or more
21 skis, belts or tracked cleats.

22 § 4. Subdivision 1 of section 2222 of the vehicle and traffic law, as
23 added by chapter 839 of the laws of 1973, is amended to read as follows:

24 1. Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall operate any snowmo-
25 bile within the state unless: (a) such snowmobile has been registered
26 and numbered in accordance with the provisions of this article, and the
27 registration number for such snowmobile is in full force and effect as
28 hereinafter provided; and (b) the registration number for such snowmo-
29 bile is displayed as hereinafter provided.

30 § 5. Subdivision 2 of section 2230 of the vehicle and traffic law, as
31 amended by chapter 609 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 2. [~~Any~~] a. Except as provided in paragraph b of this subdivision, any
34 person who violates any provision of this article or regulation adopted
35 pursuant thereto shall be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine of
36 up to two hundred dollars, and one-half of such fine shall be deposited
37 in the snowmobile trail development and maintenance fund as set forth in
38 section 21.07 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law.

39 b. Any person who violates the provisions of paragraph a of subdivi-
40 sion one of section twenty-two hundred twenty-two of this article shall
41 be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine of not less than two
42 hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, except if the
43 violation consists of failure to renew a registration which was valid
44 within sixty days the fine shall be not more than fifty dollars. One-
45 half of such fines shall be deposited in the snowmobile trail develop-
46 ment and maintenance fund as set forth in section 21.07 of the parks,
47 recreation and historic preservation law.

48 § 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 2018.