

**STATE OF ALASKA SNOWMOBILE TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 15-001**

A RESOLUTION OF THE SNOWTRAC ADVISORY COUNCIL SUPPORTING REVISING OF SNOWMOBILE AND OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES REGISTRATION FEES AND INCREASED AUTHORITY FOR DISPURSEMENT OF COLLECTED REGISTRATION FEES.

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WHEREAS, the Snowmobile Trails Advisory Council (SnowTRAC) was established under Title 41 through the offices of the Division Of Parks and Outdoor Recreation with the mission to fairly represent all Alaskans by advising DPOR on snowmobile issues including funding, safety, registration, education, access, trail grooming, marking, development and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the SnowTRAC program is the only revenue neutral, self-funded, user based, program in the State of Alaska with all funding being derived from the registration of snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles; and

WHEREAS, money collected from registrations fund safety programs, education, trail access/development, trail grooming and trail signage; and

WHEREAS, support of winter trails bring increased business to Alaska communities through increased recreational visitation; and

WHEREAS, the demand for funding snowmobile trail projects has far out-paced the available funds to SnowTRAC, forcing the

Council to bypass many worthy programs that would benefit the user community and forcing us to under-fund grooming and signage activities which increase safety on our trails; and

WHEREAS, AS 28.39.020 authorizes the Department of Administration/DMV to collect snowmobile and off highway vehicle registration fees; and

WHEREAS, DMV is only authorized to release a maximum of \$ 250,000 per year to fund the SnowTRAC mission under DPOR; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Snowmobile Trails Advisory Council (SnowTRAC) supports the modification of registration fees as proposed on the attached drafted House Bill as proposed by Representative Tilton and requests that two modifications be made as follows:

DMV authorization to release funds to the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the specific purpose of funding snowmobile activities to include safety programs, education, trail access/development, trail grooming and trail signage; become codified so that such disbursement is automatic rather than requiring a line item in the Governor's or Legislative budget process to do so and the funding authorization for DMV to release funds be increased from \$ 250,000 to \$ 500,000 to meet public demand for the ever growing sport of trail riding and other valuable trail activities.

ADOPTED by the SNOWTRAC ADVISORY BOARD this 26th day of  
August, 2015.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dan Mayfield", is written over a horizontal line.

Dan Mayfield, Chairman, SnowTRAC Advisory Board

**HOUSE BILL NO.**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Introduced:

Referred:

**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to registration fees for snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles; and  
2 providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* Section 1. AS 28.10.421(d)(7) is amended to read:

5 (7) an [A SNOWMOBILE OR] off-highway vehicle ..... \$10;

6 \* Sec. 2. AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

7 (25) a snowmobile ..... \$20.

8 \* Sec. 3. AS 28.39.020(e) is amended to read:

9 (e) The original and each renewal registration fee for a snowmobile is as  
10 provided under AS 28.10.421, except that the fee for a six-year registration is \$50

11 [SHALL BE MULTIPLIED BY TWO FOR A FOUR-YEAR REGISTRATION AND  
12 MULTIPLIED BY THREE FOR A SIX-YEAR REGISTRATION].

13 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2017.