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AN ACT

Relating to the registration, operation, and general regulation of snow vehicles.

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

* Section 1. AS 05 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

CHAPTER 30. SNOW VEHICLES.

ARTICLE 1. REGISTRATION.

Sec. 05.30.010. UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE UNREGISTERED VEHICLE. Except for operation on the owner's private property, no person may operate a snow vehicle which has not been registered with the Department of Revenue as provided in this chapter.

Sec. 05.30.020. REGISTRATION AND REGISTRATION FEE. A registration is valid for two years commencing September 1, 1968. The registration fee is \$5, which shall be paid into the general fund.

Sec. 05.30.030. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION FEE. Snow vehicles owned by the federal or state government or a political subdivision of the federal or state government shall be registered but are not required to pay a registration fee.

Sec. 05.30.040. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AND DECALS. (a) Upon registration of a snow vehicle, the registrant shall be issued a registration certificate and two numbered decals containing the registration number of the vehicle. Once a snow vehicle has been issued a number, it shall retain that number until the vehicle is destroyed, abandoned or permanently removed from the state.

(b) Numbered registration decals shall be displayed on each side of the cowling of a snow vehicle.

Sec. 05.30.050. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP. The department of revenue shall promulgate regulations to accomplish transfer of ownership of snow vehicles.

ARTICLE 2. REGULATION AND EQUIPMENT.

Sec. 05.30.070. REGULATION BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. A city of any class, or an organized borough in the area outside cities, may, by ordinance, regulate the use and operation of snow vehicles.

Sec. 05.30.080. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED. A snow vehicle is required to contain the following equipment:

(1) brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and to hold the vehicle under normal conditions of operation;

(2) at least one head lamp so aimed and of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and objects at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead during hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions;

(3) a throttle which, when released by the hand, will return the engine speed to idle.

ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 05.30.100. REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS. The operator of a snow vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to, or death of a person, or property damage other than to his snow vehicle the estimated amount of which is \$100 or more, shall immediately, by the quickest means of communication, give notice of the accident to the nearest state trooper or city police officer.

Sec. 05.30.110. PENALTY. A person who violates a provision of this chapter or a regulation promulgated under this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 for each offense.

Sec. 05.30.120. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

(1) "cowling" means the forward or rear portion of a snow vehicle surrounding the motor and clutch assembly;

(2) "snow vehicle" means a vehicle propelled by mechanical power, supported in part by skis, belts, cleats, or low pressure tires, and primarily designed to travel over ice or snow.

* Sec. 2. AS 07.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 07.15.726. SNOW VEHICLES. The second class borough may regulate snow vehicles in the area outside cities as provided in AS 05.30.070. The exercise of this

power is at the option of the borough and is not subject to the restrictions on acquiring additional powers specified in secs. 720 and 730 - 800 of this chapter.