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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 469

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the registration, operation, and
7 general regulation of snow vehicles."

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

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

10 CHAPTER 30. SNOW VEHICLES.

11 ARTICLE 1. REGISTRATION.

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

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

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

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

29 (b) Numbered registration decals shall be displayed on each side

1 of the cowling of a snow vehicle.

2 Sec. 05.30.050. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP. When ownership of a snow
3 vehicle is transferred, the registration certificate shall be signed
4 by the seller and show the name and address of the buyer, and shall
5 be returned by the seller to the Department of Revenue within 10 days
6 of the date of the sale. The buyer shall apply for a registration
7 certificate within 10 days of the sale and shall set out the original
8 registration number in the application.

9 ARTICLE 2. REGULATION AND EQUIPMENT.

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

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

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

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

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

22 ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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

29 Sec. 05.30.110. PENALTY. A person who violates a provision of

1 this chapter or a regulation promulgated under this chapter is guilty
2 of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not
3 more than \$100 for each offense.

4 Sec. 05.30.120. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

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

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

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

11 Sec. 07.15.726. SNOW VEHICLES. The second class borough may
12 regulate snow vehicles in the area outside cities as provided in AS 05.-
13 30.070. The exercise of this power is at the option of the borough and
14 is not subject to the restrictions on acquiring additional powers speci-
15 fied in secs. 720 and 730 - 800 of this chapter.
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