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**An Act To Create Reciprocity of All-terrain Vehicle Registration
with the State of New Hampshire**

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BRIGGS of Mexico.
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, DAVIS of Sangerville, ESPLING of New
Gloucester, PETERSON of Rumford, SHAW of Standish, WOOD of Sabattus, Senator:
JACKSON of Aroostook.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13155, sub-§1-A, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 184, §2, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. The following exceptions apply.

5 (1) Registration is not required for an ATV operated on land on which the
6 owner lives or on land on which the owner is domiciled, as long as the ATV is
7 not operated elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the State.

8 (2) Registration is not required for an ATV operated by a commercial ski area
9 for the purpose of packing snow or for rescue operations on the commercial ski
10 area, unless the ATV is required to cross a public way during that operation.

11 (3) An ATV owned and operated in the State by the Federal Government, the
12 State or a political subdivision of the State is exempt from registration fees but
13 must be registered and is required to display registration numbers.

14 (4) An ATV registration for the farm use specified in Title 29-A, section 501,
15 subsection 8, paragraph E is not required for a vehicle registered with the
16 Secretary of State under Title 29-A, section 501, subsection 8.

17 (5) An ATV registered in another state or in a Canadian province may be
18 operated without being registered pursuant to this section at a special event
19 organized to occur in this State if the special event organizer submits a request in
20 writing to the commissioner 60 days prior to the special event and provides the
21 commissioner with a map of the trails to be used during the special event and the
22 commissioner approves the request.

23 (6) An ATV owned or under the control of an ATV manufacturer may be
24 operated without a Maine registration at a demonstration event organized to
25 occur in this State if such operation is approved by the commissioner. An ATV
26 manufacturer or a representative of an ATV manufacturer must submit a request
27 in writing to the commissioner at least 60 days prior to the demonstration event
28 and shall include a description and the location of the event.

29 (7) An ATV registered in New Hampshire may be operated in this State without
30 being registered pursuant to this section as long as New Hampshire allows an
31 ATV registered in this State to be operated in New Hampshire without being
32 registered in that state.

33 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill allows an ATV registered in New Hampshire to be operated in Maine
35 without being registered in Maine as long as New Hampshire provides reciprocity for
36 ATVs registered in Maine.