

1 H.739

2 Introduced by Representative Branagan of Georgia

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; snowmobiles; liability insurance; proof; penalty

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the owner or operator of a
7 snowmobile to possess proof of liability insurance on his or her snowmobile or
8 person when operating on any portion of the statewide snowmobile trail system
9 or on a public right-of-way other than the owner's property and provides that
10 failure to possess such proof is a traffic offense subject to a \$55.00 fine that,
11 upon conviction, shall not be reduced.

12 An act relating to proof of insurance for snowmobiles

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 3206(b)(19) is amended to read:

15 (b) A snowmobile shall not be operated:

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17 (19) Without liability insurance as described in this subdivision.

18 (A) No owner or operator of a snowmobile shall operate or permit the
19 operation of the snowmobile on the statewide snowmobile trails system or
20 public right-of-way, except on the property of the owner, without having in

1 effect a liability policy or bond in the amounts of at least \$25,000.00 for one
2 person and \$50,000.00 for two or more persons killed or injured and
3 \$10,000.00 for damages to property in any one accident. In lieu thereof,
4 evidence of self-insurance in the amount of \$115,000.00 must be filed with the
5 commissioner. Such financial responsibility shall be maintained and
6 evidenced in a form prescribed by the commissioner. The standards and
7 process established in subsection 801(c) of this title shall be adopted.

8 (B) A person who is required to have liability insurance shall:

9 (i) possess proof of insurance on his or her person or snowmobile
10 when operating a snowmobile on the statewide snowmobile trails system or
11 public right-of-way, except on the property of the owner; and

12 (ii) show the proof of insurance on demand of an enforcement
13 officer wearing an insignia identifying him or her as a law enforcement officer.

14 (C) A violation of this subdivision is a traffic offense. Law
15 enforcement officers shall issue a complaint for a violation of this subdivision,
16 and, upon conviction of the offender, a fine imposed pursuant to section 3207
17 of this title shall not be reduced in any proceeding.

18 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 3207(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) A person who violates any of the following sections of this title shall be
20 subject to a fine of \$55.00 for each violation:

21 § 3206(b)(1) on a public highway

- 1 § 3206(b)(2), (3) on a plowed highway
- 2 § 3206(b)(4) on a municipal highway
- 3 § 3206(b)(13) in cemeteries
- 4 § 3206(b)(14) interstate and limited access highways
- 5 § 3206(b)(15) sidewalks
- 6 § 3206(b)(19) proof of insurance