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H.167

Introduced by Representative Conquest of Newbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; snowmobiles; VAST; registration proceeds; law
enforcement expenditures

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize
VAST to spend snowmobile registration proceeds on the purchase of capital
equipment used in the provision of law enforcement services.

An act relating to snowmobile registration proceeds and law enforcement

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

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 3214 is amended to read:

§ 3214. ALLOCATION OF FEES AND PENALTIES; LIABILITY
INSURANCE; AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT FOR LAW
ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

(a) The amount of \$5.00 from the sale of every resident and nonresident
snowmobile registration shall be allocated to the ~~transportation fund~~
Transportation Fund. The balance of fees and penalties collected under this
subchapter, except interest, shall be remitted to the ~~agency of natural resources~~
Agency of Natural Resources, which may retain for its use up to \$11,500.00

1 during each fiscal year for the oversight of the ~~state snowmobile trail program~~

2 State Snowmobile Trail Program, and the remainder shall be allocated to

3 VAST for:

4 (1) development and maintenance of the ~~state snowmobile trail program~~
5 State Snowmobile Trail Program (SSTP);

6 (2) procuring trails' liability insurance in accordance with subsection (b) of
7 this section; and

8 (3) contracting for law enforcement services with any constable, sheriff's
9 department, municipal police department, the ~~department of public safety~~

10 Department of Public Safety, and or the department of fish and wildlife for
11 purposes of trail compliance pursuant to Department of Fish and Wildlife, or
12 purchasing capital equipment to aid law enforcement, to ensure compliance

13 with the provisions of this chapter. The allocation for snowmobile law

14 enforcement services or equipment shall be an amount equal to \$5.00 from the

15 sale of every resident and nonresident snowmobile registration, and shall be

16 included as a part of the annual expenditure plan required by section 3215 of

17 this chapter. The ~~departments of public safety and fish and wildlife~~

18 Departments of Public Safety and of Fish and Wildlife are authorized to

19 contract with VAST to provide these law enforcement services.

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1 (d) Any fees and penalties allocated pursuant to subsection (a) of this
2 section shall not revert but shall be available until spent. Any accrued interest
3 shall be deposited in the ~~transportation fund~~ Transportation Fund.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.