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House Bill 5085 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Representative Jeff Mayes

House Committee: Tourism, Outdoor Recreation, and Natural Resources

Senate Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 821 (Snowmobiles) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- -- Require a snowmobile registration to include the names and addresses of holders of any security interest in the snowmobile.
- -- Permit the Department of State to suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue a snowmobile registration if the applicant did not provide all the required information, if all the required fees had not been paid, or under other circumstances.
- -- Establish penalties for delinquent fees under Part 821, including a \$25 penalty if a fee were delinquent for 15 days and the suspension of a person's driver license if a fee remained delinquent after reasonable notice or demand.
- -- Require any penalties collected under the bill to be used first to administer Part 821, with any remainder to be credited to the Recreational Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund.
- -- Provide for the issuance of a special identifying number or replacement vehicle number if a snowmobile's vehicle number had been altered, removed, or defaced, or were missing.
- -- Provide that a dealer, for the purposes of Part 821, would not include an auctioneer, as defined in the Occupational Code.

The bill would take effect on July 1, 2009.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There could be some administrative costs associated with the proposed provisions requiring security interest information to be printed on snowmobile registration certificates. However, the bill also would require that any penalties collected under the bill be used to defray any administrative costs associated with the registration provisions. If this revenue were not sufficient to cover the additional administrative costs, additional appropriations could be required. The potential administrative costs are anticipated to be minimal, and already-planned upgrades of the Department of State's computer systems should help defray the costs. The exact potential costs are indeterminate and depend on the number of new snowmobile registrations in the future.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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