

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

SENATE BILL NO. 2205
(Senators J. Lee, Espegard)
(Representatives Iverson, Kingsbury, Nelson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 39-24-03, subsection 6 of section 39-24-09, and section 39-24-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to snowmobile registration and snowmobile operation by an individual who is at least twelve years of age.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 39-24-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. Upon receipt of the application and the appropriate fee, the department shall register a snowmobile and assign a registration number and a certificate of registration. The registration number must be at least one and one-half inches [3.81 centimeters] in height and of a reflectorized material and must be securely affixed on each side of the ~~forward half of the~~ snowmobile in a position as to provide clear legibility for identification. The certificate of registration must include information regarding the make, year, serial number, and name and address of the owner. The fee for registration of each snowmobile must be five dollars for any portion of the registration period and the registration period is for two years beginning October first of each odd-numbered year. The fee for a duplicate or replacement registration number or registration card which is lost, mutilated, or becomes illegible may not exceed five dollars. In addition, in each year that fees are collected for the unsatisfied judgment fund there must be assessed a fee of one dollar per year for each snowmobile registered, which must be placed in the unsatisfied judgment fund. For each snowmobile registered under the provisions of this chapter, there must be assessed a snowmobile trail tax in the amount of thirty-five dollars.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 6 of section 39-24-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6. It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile pursuant to chapter 39-24 without having in possession a valid driver's license ~~or permit~~, except as provided by section 39-24-09.1.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 39-24-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-24-09.1. Operation by ~~persons under age sixteen~~ individuals at least twelve years of age. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is unlawful for any person who has not reached sixteen years of age and who is not~~ An individual twelve years of age and over ~~may not operate a snowmobile unless the individual is in possession of a valid driver's license or permit to operate a snowmobile, except upon the lands of the person's parent or guardian operates the snowmobile on private land, or unless and until the person~~ individual has completed a snowmobile safety training course as prescribed by the director of the parks and recreation department pursuant to chapter 28-32 and has received the appropriate snowmobile safety certificate issued by the director of the department of transportation. The failure of an operator to exhibit a snowmobile safety certificate upon demand to any official authorized to enforce this chapter is presumptive evidence that the ~~person~~ individual is not the holder of the certificate. Fees collected from each ~~person~~ individual receiving certification must be deposited into the snowmobile trail tax fund for purposes of establishing snowmobile safety programs.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2205.

Senate Vote: Yeas 38 Nays 8 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 57 Nays 33 Absent 4

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
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Secretary of State