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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 180

March 28, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives FELZKOWSKI, SWEARINGEN, HESSELBEIN, BALLWEG, BERNIER, BILLINGS, BORN, BRANDTJEN, E. BROOKS, R. BROOKS, HORLACHER, MURSAU, RIPP, JARCHOW, KITCHENS, KOLSTE, KREMER, KULP, MILROY, NERISON, NOVAK, PETRYK, QUINN, SCHRAA, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, SUMMERFIELD, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TRANEL, TUSLER, VRUWINK, WACHS, WEATHERSTON and ROHRKASTE, cosponsored by Senators HARSDORF, COWLES, ERPENBACH, HANSEN, LEMAHIEU, MARKLEIN, OLSEN, PETROWSKI, RINGHAND, STROEBEL, TIFFANY, WIRCH and BEWLEY. Referred to Committee on Tourism.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 350.12 (3j) (bg) 2. and 350.12 (4) (bg) 2. a.; **to renumber and**
2 **amend** 350.12 (4) (bg) 2. b.; and **to amend** 350.12 (3j) (b), 350.12 (3j) (bg) 3.,
3 350.12 (3j) (bg) 4., 350.12 (3j) (e) 2., 350.12 (4) (b) 1., 350.12 (4) (bm) 1. and
4 350.12 (4) (bm) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** snowmobile trail use stickers and
5 trail aids and supplemental trail aids for snowmobile trail maintenance.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases the maximum dollar amount per mile that the Department of Natural Resources may pay to counties for actual expenses related to maintaining snowmobile trails.

Under current law, state aid is available for the actual cost of maintaining a qualifying snowmobile trail, but may not exceed \$250 per mile per year. Under this bill, the maximum aid available is increased to \$300 per mile per year.

Under current law, a county that exceeds \$250 per mile in maintenance expenses and \$150 per mile in grooming expenses in a fiscal year is eligible for supplemental aid payments the following fiscal year. Under this bill, a county that exceeds \$300 per mile in maintenance expenses and \$200 per mile in grooming expenses in a fiscal year is eligible for supplemental aid payments the following fiscal year.

Also under current law, most snowmobiles operated on a public snowmobile corridor must display a trail use sticker issued by DNR. There are three categories of snowmobiles for which DNR issues trail use stickers: snowmobiles exempt from

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registration, snowmobiles owned by members of a snowmobile club, and snowmobiles owned by those who are not members of a snowmobile club. DNR is required to charge a specific fee for a trail use sticker issued for snowmobiles in each category. The current categories and fees apply only to trail use stickers issued from fiscal years 2015-16 to 2018-19. This bill eliminates the fiscal year limitations on these categories and fees.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 350.12 (3j) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 350.12 **(3j)** (b) ~~Except as provided in par. (bg), the~~ The fee for a trail use sticker
3 issued for a snowmobile that is exempt from registration under sub. (2) (b) or (bn) is
4 ~~\$34.25~~ \$49.25. A trail use sticker issued for such a snowmobile may be issued only
5 by the department and persons appointed by the department and expires on June 30
6 of each year.

7 **SECTION 2.** 350.12 (3j) (bg) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

8 **SECTION 3.** 350.12 (3j) (bg) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 350.12 **(3j)** (bg) 3. The fee for a trail use sticker issued ~~in fiscal years 2015-16~~
10 ~~to 2018-19~~ for a snowmobile that is registered under sub. (3) and that is owned by
11 a person who is both a member of a snowmobile club and a member of the Association
12 of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs is \$9.25.

13 **SECTION 4.** 350.12 (3j) (bg) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 350.12 **(3j)** (bg) 4. The fee for a trail use sticker issued ~~in fiscal years 2015-16~~
15 ~~to 2018-19~~ for a snowmobile that is registered under sub. (3) and that is owned by
16 a person who does not meet the requirements under subd. 3. is \$29.25.

17 **SECTION 5.** 350.12 (3j) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 350.12 (3j) (e) 2. Any person, including the department, who issues a trail use
2 sticker or a temporary trail use receipt shall collect in addition to the fee under par.
3 (b) or (bg) ~~2, 3, or 4.~~ an issuing fee of 75 cents. The agent may retain 50 cents of the
4 issuing fee to compensate the agent for the agent's services in issuing the temporary
5 trail use receipt.

6 **SECTION 6.** 350.12 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

7 350.12 (4) (b) 1. State aids and funds for maintenance costs shall be 100 percent
8 of the actual cost of maintaining the trail per year up to a ~~\$250~~ \$300 per mile per year
9 maximum, except as provided in pars. (bg) to (br). Qualifying trails are trails
10 approved by the board as snowmobile trails. State aid for development may equal
11 100 percent of development expenses. Aids for major reconstruction or rehabilitation
12 projects to improve bridges may equal 100 percent of eligible costs. Aids for trail
13 rehabilitation projects may equal 100 percent of eligible costs. Development shall
14 begin the same year the land is acquired. Moneys available for development shall
15 be distributed on a 100 percent grant basis, 75 percent at the time of approval but
16 no later than January 1 and 25 percent upon completion of the project. A county
17 application may include a request for development, rehabilitation or maintenance
18 of trails, or any combination thereof. Trail routes, sizes and specifications shall be
19 prescribed only by the board.

20 **SECTION 7.** 350.12 (4) (bg) 2. a. of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 8.** 350.12 (4) (bg) 2. b. of the statutes is renumbered 350.12 (4) (bg) 2.
22 and amended to read:

23 350.12 (4) (bg) 2. ~~For fiscal years 2016-17 to 2019-20, the~~ The department
24 shall calculate an amount equal to the number of trail use stickers issued under sub.
25 (3j) in the previous fiscal year to owners of snowmobiles that are exempt from

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1 registration under sub. (2) multiplied by \$47 and shall credit this amount to the
2 appropriation account under s. 20.370 (5) (cw). From the appropriation account
3 under s. 20.370 (5) (cw), the department shall make payments to the department or
4 a county for the purposes specified in par. (b). The department shall make payments
5 under par. (bm) for trail maintenance costs that were incurred in the previous fiscal
6 year and that exceed the maximum specified under par. (b) 1. before making
7 payments for any of the other purposes specified in par. (b).

8 **SECTION 9.** 350.12 (4) (bm) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 350.12 (4) (bm) 1. The actual cost incurred by the department or the county in
10 maintaining its trails that are qualified under par. (b) 1. or 4. in the previous fiscal
11 year exceeds the maximum of ~~\$250~~ \$300 per mile per year under par. (b) 1.

12 **SECTION 10.** 350.12 (4) (bm) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 350.12 (4) (bm) 2. Of the actual cost incurred by the department or the county
14 in maintaining its trails that are qualified under par. (b) 1. or 4. for the fiscal year
15 applicable under subd. 1., the actual cost incurred in grooming the trails exceeds a
16 maximum of ~~\$150~~ \$200 per mile per year.

17 (END)