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House Bill 4409 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative David Mead  
House Committee: Conservation and Outdoor Recreation  
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 821 (Snowmobiles) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to increase the snowmobile trail permit fee; revise the requirements for the allocation of revenue generated from that fee; require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to make permit sales available on its website; increase the civil fine for operating a snowmobile without a permit from \$50 to \$100; and require the DNR to report to legislative committees regarding additional funds generated under the bill.

Under the bill, the fee would increase and the revenues would be allocated as shown in Table 1.

Table 1

Date	Fee	Allocation
Until 6/30/01	\$10	\$9 to Fund; 50 cents to DNR; 50 cents to Agent
6/30/01 - 6/30/04	\$20	\$18.75 to Fund; 50 cents to DNR; 75 cents to Agent
Beginning 7/1/04	\$25	\$23.50 to Fund; 50 cents to DNR; \$1 to Agent

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4538, which would apply the fee changes to the Recreational Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund provisions.

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Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

House Bills 4409 (H-2) and 4538 would result in an annual increase in revenue to the Recreational Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund of between \$2.1 million and \$2.5 million, beginning July 1, 2001. Beginning July 1, 2004, revenue to the Fund would increase by an additional \$1.0 million to \$1.2 million. The increase in civil fines included in the bills would result in an indeterminate increase in revenue to libraries.

The bills also would result in an indeterminate increase in DNR administrative costs. Since the bills would not provide for an increase in revenue to the DNR, the increased costs would have to be covered by existing resources.

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