

Legislative Analysis



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Senate Bill 415 (Substitute S-3)

Sponsor: Sen. Michelle A. McManus

House Committee: Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation

Senate Committee: Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 415 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 5-25-05

Part 821 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, entitled "Snowmobiles," requires the secretary of state to issue an order, with no expiration date, that a person not operate a snowmobile, when the secretary of state receives the appropriate records of conviction of the following:

- Two convictions of a felony involving the use of a snowmobile within seven years.
- Any combination of two convictions within seven years of operating a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance or with an unlawful blood alcohol content (BAC).
- One conviction of operating a snowmobile while under the influence or with an unlawful BAC and causing the death or a serious impairment of a body function of another person.
- Any combination of three convictions within 10 years of a violation listed above.

Senate Bill 415(S-3) would require that the department seek to enter into agreements with the appropriate agencies of other states to share the records of the convictions described above.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the state. The bill could increase costs for both the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of State for staff time, resources, and information technology required by collaborations with other states in tracking violators and updating snowmobile registrations and permits.

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