



# SENATE BILL No. 635

May 12, 1993, Introduced by Senators PRIDNIA, GEAKE, WARTNER,  
MC MANUS, KOIVISTO, GAST and GOUGEON and referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

A bill to amend the title and section 14 of Act No. 74 of  
the Public Acts of 1968, entitled as amended

"An act to register and regulate snowmobiles; to provide for edu-  
cation and training programs; to provide for trails, areas, and  
facilities; to create a recreational snowmobile trail improvement  
fund; to provide for expenditure of appropriations; and to pre-  
scribe penalties,"

being section 257.1514 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. The title and section 14 of Act No. 74 of the  
2 Public Acts of 1968, being section 257.1514 of the Michigan  
3 Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

### TITLE

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5 An act to register and regulate snowmobiles; to provide for  
6 education and training programs; to provide for trails, areas,  
7 and facilities; TO PERMIT TORT IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL  
8 AGENCIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; to create a recreational

1 snowmobile trail improvement fund; to provide for expenditure of  
2 appropriations; and to prescribe penalties.

3       Sec. 14. (1) Any city, village, or township may pass an  
4 ordinance regulating the operation of snowmobiles if the ordi-  
5 nance meets substantially the minimum requirements of this act.  
6 A city, village, township, or county may not adopt an ordinance  
7 which:

8       (a) Imposes a fee for a license.

9       (b) Specifies accessory equipment to be carried on the  
10 snowmobile.

11       (c) Requires a snowmobile operator to possess a motor vehi-  
12 cle driver's license.

13       (d) Restricts operation of a snowmobile on the frozen sur-  
14 face of public waters or on lands owned by or under the control  
15 of the state except pursuant to section 14a.

16       (2) A BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS HAS NO DUTY TO  
17 MAINTAIN ANY HIGHWAY UNDER ITS JURISDICTION IN A CONDITION REA-  
18 SONABLY SAFE AND CONVENIENT FOR THE OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES.  
19 BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE 1993 AMENDATORY ACT THAT  
20 ADDED THIS SUBSECTION, A BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS IS  
21 IMMUNE FROM TORT LIABILITY FOR INJURIES OR DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY  
22 ANY PERSON ARISING IN ANY WAY OUT OF THE OPERATION OR USE OF A  
23 SNOWMOBILE ON MAINTAINED OR UNMAINTAINED HIGHWAYS, SHOULDERS, AND  
24 RIGHTS-OF-WAY OVER WHICH THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
25 HAS JURISDICTION.