

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1830**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act establishing the Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Fund.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Anne M. Gobi*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Hampshire*

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1830) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to establish the Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Fund. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1870 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act establishing the Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Fund.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2RRRR the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 2XXX. There shall be established and set upon the books of the commonwealth a  
4 separate fund to be known as the Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Fund, the funds of which shall  
5 be administered and expended by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and  
6 Environmental Affairs for the grooming, maintaining, and repairing of publicly-owned trails  
7 marked and designated for use by snow vehicles as defined in section 20 of Chapter 90B. The  
8 Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs shall contract with an  
9 organization promoting snowmobile safety and working toward the development, maintenance,  
10 and expansion of an interconnected snowmobile trail system throughout Massachusetts to

11 expend these funds, provided that revenues retained not exceeding 5 per cent be expended by the  
12 Secretary for law enforcement and administrative costs associated with the administration and  
13 implementation of this fund. Said contract shall be issued annually, and at a time of year to be  
14 determined by Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

15         The Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs shall report  
16 annually to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on  
17 environment, natural resources and agriculture on income received into the fund and sources of  
18 that income, any expenditure from the fund and their purposes, and fund balances.

19         The Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Fund may receive monies from: (1) gifts, grants and  
20 donations from public or private sources; (2) federal reimbursements and grants-in-aid; (3) fines  
21 collected pursuant to section 27F of Chapter 90B; and (4) any interest earned from the fund. The  
22 state treasurer shall receive, deposit and invest funds held in such a manner as to ensure the  
23 highest interest rate available consistent with the safety of the fund. The books and records of the  
24 fund shall be subject to an annual audit by the state auditor. The Secretary of the Executive  
25 Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs may expend such funds and no expenditure from the  
26 fund shall cause it to be in deficiency at the close of a fiscal year. Monies deposited in the fund  
27 that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be  
28 available for expenditure in the subsequent year and shall not be subject to section 5C of chapter  
29 29.