



ISSA Call to Action

The 88th Iowa General Assembly, 2019 Session is underway and the ISSA lobbyists, Mike Heller and Paula Feltner, have been hard at work in Des Moines to help enhance the efforts of the ISSA to ensure the future of the Iowa Snowmobile Program and the ability to have Iowa snowmobile trails and the materials and equipment to make them possible.

We need each of you to take action now to encourage legislators to pass the legislation we need to continue our program.

The Iowa Snowmobile Program is completely user funded by the registration and trail pass dollars generated by the snowmobilers across Iowa. No tax dollars are used to support Iowa snowmobiling. The RTP dollars we have funded Groomer purchases with in the past is increasingly difficult to get.

The program expenses continue every year, whether we have the good snow we are seeing in 2019 or the poor snow of the last couple of years. Snow or not, we have to pay for insurance, signs, groomer maintenance, DNR costs etc. When we have good snow as we currently have across Iowa, we need additional dollars for groomer fuel for the clubs.

HSB 104, the "one sticker" bill, changes the requirement for Iowa snowmobilers to purchase a separate \$15 registration decal and \$15 user fee, or trail pass decal to require only the \$30 registration decal for Iowa snowmobilers. This is not an increase to ride a snowmobile in Iowa, it actually reduces the cost for Iowa snowmobilers by eliminating the second decal writing fee and eliminating the requirement for trail passes on vintage snowmobiles that have lifetime registrations. Most snowmobile owners prefer to have only one sticker on their machine as opposed to two.

There is no down side for Iowa Snowmobilers. Anyone not riding in Iowa can register where they ride and do not have to register their snowmobiles in Iowa, and would have no reason to oppose this. Visitors who come to Iowa from other states will continue to purchase the Iowa trail pass as a separate sticker, just as Iowans going to other states do in those states

The "one sticker" legislation will continue to have Iowa as one of the very lowest cost state registration programs in North America.

Please contact your Iowa legislators now to help to get HSB 104 passed this session, to change to the single sticker, combined registration and trail pass. Please also go to your legislators open forums or meetings in your area, these are great opportunities to talk with them informally and let them hear the voice of snowmobilers in their area.

Please also encourage your club to help fund the Club Challenge to support our lobbyists in the important work to represent snowmobiling efforts in Des Moines. We cannot keep our program working as it should without them.

As the volunteers who work for you to keep snowmobiling in Iowa possible, we appreciate and need your support. Please call and email your legislators right away.

Sincerely,

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