

PROPOSED SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

Proposed new federal motor vehicle safety regulations for snowmobiles were published recently in the *Canada Gazette*.

The 11 proposed standards pertain specifically to snowmobile, snowmobile cutters and trailers used for carrying snowmobiles, and are in addition to the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (Automotive) that were included in a *Canada Gazette* supplement August 22, 1970. The proposed standards are designed to increase night visibility, reduce noise, protect riders and improve the transport of such vehicles over roads.



Snowmobiling has become one of Canada's most popular winter sports.

Representatives of the snowmobile industry met with officials of the Ministry of Transport in August to study the federal safety proposals and were invited to submit their comments. Representatives of provincial government transportation authorities also have been consulted.

Following publication of the proposed regulations in the *Canada Gazette*, a period of 30 days will be provided for all interested parties to make representations to the Ministry concerning the proposals. When these have been given full consideration by the federal authorities, the regulations will be put in their final form, published in the *Canada Gazette* and subsequently proclaimed by Order-in-Council.

Although the date of enforcement has not yet been announced, Mr. Jamieson suggested that many of the standards could be applied to snowmobiles manufactured during 1971.

ALBERTA INCREASES STUDENT GRANTS

Financial assistance available to Alberta students from junior high school to university graduate level has been expanded through recent amendments to regulations under the province's Student Assistance

Act. Changes affect married couples, nursing students, junior high-school students and summer-session students.

These regulations, as well as the federal Canada Student Loans Plan and the provincial Students Loans Guarantee Act, are administered by the Student Assistance Board, Department of Education, Edmonton. The Board also maintains an office in Calgary to serve the southern part of the province.

In making assistance available, the basic premise has been adopted that it is the responsibility of parents and students to provide the maximum contribution they are able to, as set out in prescribed tables, based on family and student resources. When this condition has been met, the provincial government in conjunction with the Federal Government may supplement the family and student resources to the extent necessary.

Assistance to university, technical, vocational and nursing students is awarded on the basis of an initial loan of \$200 if single, or \$700 if married, with the balance of need calculated on the basis of one-half grant and one-half loan, up to a maximum grant of \$800 for a university student and \$450 for a technical, vocational or nursing student. Previously, nursing students were limited to a grant of \$150.

Loans are made under the Canada Student Loans Plan to a maximum of \$1,000 and, where required, supplemented by loans provided under the Students Loans Guarantee Act. Student loans up to \$1,500 may be guaranteed by the province.

FAMILY GRANTS

The new regulations provide that, when both husband and wife without dependants are attending post-secondary institutions in the same academic year, both will be considered as single for purposes of grant and loan assistance. This means that, of the total assistance such a couple requires, the greater part will be available in the form of a grant. When both husband and wife are attending and claiming dependants in their budget, the husband will be assisted on the basis of an initial loan of \$700, and the wife an initial loan of \$200.

Alberta scholarships of \$100, awarded to matriculating students on the basis of academic attainment, may now be awarded to students enrolled full time in any post-secondary institutions. Previously, only university students were eligible.

Loan assistance available to university summer session students has been increased from \$300 to \$500.

Junior high-school students may now receive assistance on the same basis as senior high-school students, in the form of bursaries ranging from \$50 to \$200.

Others to whom assistance is available are apprentices and tradesmen, high-school students, Banff School of Fine Arts students, students attending privately operated commercial colleges, and disadvantaged persons.