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16 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
18 121ST LEGISLATURE  
20 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

22 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 507, L.D. 690, Bill, "An  
24 Act To Create a Registration Plate for Experimental Automobiles"

26 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting  
28 the following:

30 '**An Act To Create Experimental Motor Vehicle Plates and  
32 Registration**'

34 Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the  
36 enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place  
38 the following:

40 'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §470 is enacted to read:

42 §470. Experimental motor vehicle plates and registration

44 1. Definition. "Experimental motor vehicle" means any  
46 motor vehicle in the developmental stage that has not yet reached  
production.

2. Inspection and equipment. An experimental motor vehicle  
is exempt from inspection requirements under section 1751 but  
must comply with the equipment standards of chapter 17 to include  
at a minimum: body components, an exhaust system, reflectors,  
running gear, tires, a horn, lights, directional signals, brakes,  
a steering mechanism, windshield wipers, safety seat belts and  
rearview mirrors.

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2 3. Experimental motor vehicle inventor registration. A  
4 person in the business of developing experimental motor vehicles  
6 shall register with the Secretary of State as an experimental  
8 motor vehicle inventor. The Secretary of State shall develop and  
10 implement an application process, including but not limited to  
12 name, address and description and photographs of the experimental  
14 motor vehicle in development.

16 4. Experimental motor vehicle plate. The Secretary of  
18 State shall issue a registration plate for an experimental motor  
20 vehicle to a registered experimental motor vehicle inventor. This  
22 plate may be used for one or more experimental motor vehicles  
24 during the term of the registration provided that those vehicles  
26 are owned by the person issued the registration plate. The  
28 Secretary of State may issue no more than 2 plates per registered  
30 experimental motor vehicle inventor. The registration for an  
32 experimental motor vehicle must be renewed annually.

34 5. Fee. The Secretary of State shall charge an annual fee  
36 of \$20 for each plate issued under this section.

38 6. Insurance. The Secretary of State may not issue an  
40 experimental motor vehicle registration plate until the applicant  
42 has procured and filed with the Secretary of State a certificate  
44 showing that the applicant is covered by an automobile bodily  
46 injury and property damage liability insurance policy providing  
48 coverage against any legal liability when injury, death or damage  
results from or has been caused by the operation of any vehicle  
bearing an experimental motor vehicle registration plate.

7. Limitations on use. A person may not operate an  
experimental motor vehicle on a public way with a posted speed  
limit that exceeds the capability of that vehicle to achieve and  
safely maintain that speed. Experimental motor vehicles are  
prohibited from operation on the interstate highway system and  
Maine Turnpike at all times. A person may operate an experimental  
motor vehicle only in daylight hours.

8. Rulemaking. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to  
establish the application criteria and process by which a person  
may qualify to receive an experimental motor vehicle registration  
plate. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine  
technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter  
2-A.

9. Violations. The operation of any motor vehicle  
registered under this section that is not in compliance with this  
section is a traffic infraction.



**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



**LD 690**

**An Act To Create a Registration Plate for Experimental Automobiles**

**LR 0594(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Transportation**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund

Minor revenue increase - Highway Fund