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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 178, L.D. 213, Bill, "An Act To Allow Military Reenlistees To Obtain a Veterans Registration Plate"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 383, §15, is further amended to read:

3. Special veterans registration plates. The Secretary of State, on application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482 and the registration fee required by section 501, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of special veterans registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates for a vehicle with a registered gross weight of not more than 10,000 pounds to any person who has served in the United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably discharged or to a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years and continues to serve. If a veteran person who qualifies for a special veterans registration plate under this subsection is the primary driver of 3 vehicles, the Secretary of State may issue in accordance with this section a set of special veterans registration plates for each vehicle.

Each application must be accompanied by the applicant's Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, or certification from the United States Veterans Administration or the appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge, or a letter from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services verifying active duty military service and length of service.

The Secretary of State shall recall a special veterans registration plate of a recipient who has been less than honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

All surplus revenue collected for issuance of the special registration plates is retained by the Secretary of State to maintain and support this program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 The surviving spouse of a special veteran plate recipient issued plates in accordance with
2 this subsection may retain and display the special veteran plates as long as the surviving
3 spouse remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the
4 special veteran plates on a motor vehicle, but may retain them as a keepsake. Upon the
5 death of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the special veteran plates, but may
6 not use them on a motor vehicle.

7 The Secretary of State may issue a special disability registration plate for veterans in
8 accordance with section 521, subsections 1, 5, 7 and 9. The special disability registration
9 plate for veterans must bear the International Symbol of Access.

10 The Secretary of State may issue a set of special veterans registration plates when the
11 qualifying veteran is the primary driver of a company-owned vehicle if:

12 A. The company is owned solely by a veteran who qualifies for a veteran plate under
13 this section;

14 B. The vehicle is leased by a veteran who qualifies for the veteran plate under this
15 subsection; or

16 C. The vehicle is leased by the employer of a veteran who qualifies for the veteran
17 plate and the employer has assigned the vehicle exclusively to the veteran. The
18 employer must attest in writing that the veteran will have exclusive use of the vehicle
19 and agrees to the display of the special veteran plate.

20 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§3-A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 376, §1, is
21 amended to read:

22 **3-A. Motorcycle plates; veterans.** In addition to any plate issued pursuant to
23 subsection 3, the Secretary of State, on application and evidence of payment of the excise
24 tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the registration fee required by section 515,
25 subsection 1 and a one-time additional fee of \$5, shall issue a registration certificate and a
26 special veterans registration plate for one designated motorcycle owned or controlled by a
27 person who has served in the United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably
28 discharged or to a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3
29 years and continues to serve.

30 Each application must be accompanied by the applicant's Armed Forces Report of
31 Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, ~~or~~ certification from the United States Department
32 of Veterans Affairs or the appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces
33 verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge, or a letter from the
34 Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine
35 Veterans' Services verifying active duty military service and length of service.

36 The Secretary of State shall recall a special veterans registration plate of a recipient who
37 has been less than honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

38 All surplus revenue collected for issuance of the special veterans registration plates is
39 retained by the Secretary of State to maintain and support this program.

40 Upon request the Secretary of State shall issue special veterans registration plates for a
41 motorcycle that are also vanity plates. These plates are issued in accordance with this

1 section and section 453. Vanity plates issued under this subsection may not duplicate
2 vanity plates issued in another class of plate.

3 The surviving spouse of a recipient of a special veterans registration plate issued in
4 accordance with this subsection may retain and display the plate as long as the surviving
5 spouse remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the plate
6 on a motorcycle, but may retain it as a keepsake. Upon the death of the surviving spouse,
7 the family may retain the plate, but may not use it on a motorcycle.

8 The Secretary of State may not issue special commemorative decals under subsection 5 or
9 6 for use on special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle.

10 **Sec. 3. Special veterans registration plates; inventory; applicants who**
11 **qualify for a special veterans registration plate and continue to serve in the**
12 **United States Armed Forces.** The Secretary of State is not required to purchase or
13 manufacture additional special veterans registration plates if demand by applicants who
14 qualify for special veterans registration plates exceeds the annual supply of special
15 veterans registration plates. If the demand exceeds the annual supply of special veterans
16 registration plates, the Secretary of State shall maintain a waiting list of those who qualify
17 for special veterans registration plates and shall issue plates at the earliest date on which
18 plates are available.'

19 SUMMARY

20 This amendment, which replaces the bill, provides that any person who has served in
21 the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years and who continues to serve qualifies
22 for special veterans registration plates for motor vehicles and a motorcycle. The
23 amendment also directs the Secretary of State to recall the special veterans registration
24 plate of a recipient who has been less than honorably discharged from the United States
25 Armed Forces. The amendment also provides that the Secretary of State is not required
26 to purchase or manufacture additional special veterans registration plates if the demand
27 by applicants who qualify for the plates exceeds the annual supply. If the demand
28 exceeds the annual supply, the amendment directs the Secretary of State to maintain a
29 waiting list for those who qualify for special veterans registration plates and to issue
30 plates at the earliest date on which plates are available.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 04/03/09 *mac*

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Transportation
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and the Secretary of State can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.