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H.P. 102

House of Representatives, January 17, 2019

**An Act To Rebrand Maine's License Plate Slogan from
"Vacationland" to "Staycationland"**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth.
Cosponsored by Representative: FECTIONEAU of Biddeford.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§4, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 776, §8, is
3 further amended to read:

4 C. On registration plates issued for private use, the word "~~Vacationland~~"
5 "Staycationland" must be centered at the bottom, except, when the Secretary of State
6 determines that for other than passenger vehicles, that space may be used for class
7 identifiers.

8 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§4-A, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 311, §1, is
9 amended to read:

10 C. On registration plates issued for private use and trucks, the word "~~Vacationland~~"
11 "Staycationland" must be centered at the bottom in letters not less than 3/4 inch in
12 height, except, when the Secretary of State determines that for other than passenger
13 vehicles, that space may be used for class codes.

14 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 206, §4, is further
15 amended to read:

16 **1. Automobiles; pickup trucks.** The fee for an automobile, a pickup truck
17 registered for 6,000 pounds or less or a sport utility vehicle used for the conveyance of
18 passengers or interchangeably for passengers or property is \$35. The fee for a pickup
19 truck registered for more than 6,000 pounds but no more than 10,000 pounds is \$37.

20 An automobile or sport utility vehicle used for the conveyance of passengers or property
21 is a "combination" vehicle and may be issued a special plate with the word "combination"
22 instead of "~~Vacationland~~." "Staycationland." A passenger vehicle used under contract
23 with the State, a municipality or a school district to transport students must be designated
24 as "combination." A vehicle owned or operated by parents or legal guardians is exempt
25 from this subsection.

26 Commercial plates may not be issued for or displayed on an automobile.

27 A sport utility vehicle may be registered either as an automobile or a truck. A sport
28 utility vehicle with a gross vehicle weight or combined gross vehicle weight in excess of
29 10,000 pounds and used in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise must be registered
30 as a truck according to its actual gross weight as provided in section 504.

31 The gross weight of a pickup truck registered as provided by this subsection may not
32 exceed 10,000 pounds. An owner of a pickup truck who operates the pickup truck with a
33 gross weight in excess of 10,000 pounds or the pickup truck drawing a semitrailer with a
34 combined gross weight in excess of 10,000 pounds must register the truck as provided in
35 section 504.

36 A combination of vehicles consisting of a motor vehicle and a camp trailer is not required
37 to be registered for the gross weight of the combination.

38 Beginning July 1, 2009, \$10 of the fee must be transferred on a quarterly basis by the
39 Treasurer of State to the TransCap Trust Fund established by Title 30-A, section 6006-G.

