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**An Act to Allow Military Vehicles Purchased for Civilian Use to Be
Registered and Operated on Maine Roads**

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative POMERLEAU of Standish.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§20-A** is enacted to read:

3 **20-A. Demilitarized vehicle.** "Demilitarized vehicle" means an automobile that was
4 built for and used by the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force
5 or Coast Guard and has been lawfully purchased by a person for civilian use.

6 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §458-C** is enacted to read:

7 **§458-C. Demilitarized vehicles**

8 A demilitarized vehicle may be registered in accordance with the provisions of this
9 section.

10 **1. Registration fee.** The fee for the demilitarized vehicle registration plate is the motor
11 vehicle registration fee required by section 501, subsection 1 and the excise tax required
12 by Title 36, section 1482.

13 **2. Registration plates.** The Secretary of State shall issue a registration certificate and
14 a set of demilitarized vehicle registration plates in a 3-number and 3-letter combination
15 sequence to be displayed on the demilitarized vehicle in lieu of regular registration plates.

16 **3. Application.** An application for registration of a demilitarized vehicle under this
17 section must be accompanied by evidence of the transfer of title from the Federal
18 Government to the registrant and an affidavit that the demilitarized vehicle is garaged or
19 maintained in the State.

20 **4. Registration.** The registration must indicate that the vehicle is a demilitarized
21 vehicle.

22 **5. Vanity plates.** The Secretary of State may issue vanity plates for demilitarized
23 vehicles in accordance with section 453 and may not duplicate vanity plates issued in
24 another class of plate.

25 **6. Weight limit.** A demilitarized vehicle registration plate may be issued only for an
26 automobile that does not exceed 10,000 pounds.

27 **7. Inspection.** A demilitarized vehicle is subject to the inspection requirements of
28 section 1751, except that the Chief of the State Police may provide certain exemptions
29 pursuant to section 1769.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill allows military vehicles that are lawfully purchased for civilian use to be
32 registered and operated on Maine roads.