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House of Representatives, March 11, 2025

Resolve, To Create a License Plate To Recognize the Semiquincentennial of the United States of America

(EMERGENCY)

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CARLOW of Buxton. Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and

Representatives: SARGENT of York, SAYRE of Kennebunk, Senator: LAWRENCE of York.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period to allow the Secretary of State to timely make preparations for the United States of America Semiquincentennial commemorative plate; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

- Sec. 1. United States of America Semiquincentennial commemorative plate. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall issue, at no cost to the Secretary of State, a reflectorized, commemorative simulated registration plate in recognition and celebration of the semiquincentennial of the United States of America, which was founded July 4, 1776. The Secretary of State shall design the plate, and the plate must bear the date of its expiration, which is December 31, 2026. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 454, the United States of America semiquincentennial commemorative plate may be displayed by covering, but not removing, the front registration plate on a motor vehicle, including a motor vehicle registered outside this State and operated within it, from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. The plate may not be displayed on a truck tractor as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 90; and be it further
- **Sec. 2.** Administrative fee; distribution. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall develop a plan for the sale and distribution of the United States of America Semiquincentennial commemorative plates. The fee for the semiquincentennial commemorative plate is \$25, which must be credited as follows:
- 1. Nine dollars per plate to the Secretary of State for the costs associated with the production and issuance of the plates; and
- 2. Sixteen dollars per plate to the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 7-A; and be it further
- **Sec. 3. Other uses prohibited. Resolved:** That the United States of America Semiquincentennial commemorative plate may not be sold or displayed on a motor vehicle except as provided in this resolve.
- **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

 This resolve creates a commemorative simulated motor vehicle registration plate in celebration of the United States of America Semiquincentennial. The Secretary of State is directed to design and issue the plate, which may be displayed from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 covering the front registration plate on a motor vehicle. Revenue generated by the sale of the plate in excess of the cost of production and issuance will be given to the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council.