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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 578.63 (2006); and

D. A grandparent of a member of the United States Armed Forces, if that member dies while serving on active duty or while assigned in the reserve components of the United States Armed Forces or Army National Guard unit in a drill status.

2. Application. An application for gold star family registration plates must be accompanied by proof that the applicant is eligible ~~for the gold star lapel button~~. The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, shall verify the documentation presented by the applicant. Misrepresentation of documents is in violation of section 2103, subsection 5.

The Secretary of State may issue gold star family registration plates for display only on an automobile or pickup truck. An applicant may be issued gold star family registration plates for no more than one vehicle.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §524-B, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Gold star family vanity plates. Upon request and as provided by section 453, the Secretary of State shall issue gold star family registration plates that are also vanity plates. Gold star family vanity registration plates are issued in accordance with this section and section 453.

Sec. 3. Contingent effective date. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 524-B, subsections 1 and 2 does not take effect unless the Department of the Secretary of State receives donations from any public or private source to cover the costs of gold star family registration plates for those eligible as a result of this Act. Donations under this section must be deposited into the Specialty License Plate Fund established in Title 29-A, section 469. The Secretary of State shall notify the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes when the Department of the Secretary of State has received the donations required under this section.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 18
H.P. 36 - L.D. 38**

**An Act To Allow Sufficient
Time for Implementation of the
Performance Evaluation and
Professional Growth System
for Educators**

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

Whereas, it is necessary that this Act take effect prior to the beginning of the next school year, which begins in late summer 2015; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13705, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 635, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

§13705. Phase-in of requirements

The requirements of this chapter apply to all school administrative units beginning in the ~~2015-2016~~ 2016-2017 school year. In the ~~2013-2014~~ 2014-2015 school year, each unit shall develop a system that meets the standards of this chapter, in collaboration with teachers, principals, administrators, school board members, parents and other members of the public. In the ~~2014-2015~~ 2015-2016 school year, each unit shall operate as a pilot project the system developed in the prior year by applying it in one or more of the schools in the unit or by applying it without using results in any official manner or shall employ other means to provide information to enable the unit to adjust the system prior to the first year of full implementation. Nothing in this section prohibits a unit from fully implementing the system earlier than the ~~2015-2016~~ 2016-2017 school year.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 12, 2015.

**CHAPTER 19
H.P. 13 - L.D. 10**

**An Act To Establish Native
American Heritage and
Culture Day**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-L is enacted to read: