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H. P. 1913

House of Representatives, January 24, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Clark of Freeport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT to Standardize Letter Size and Color of Motor Vehicle License
Plates.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 193, amended. The first sentence of the last paragraph of section 193 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by chapter 2 of the public laws of 1973, is amended to read as follows :

~~The color, shape, size, lettering and numbering of the special plates shall be determined~~ **The special plate letter and number size shall be standardized and a single color shall be designated** by the Secretary of State, except the plates issued to Members of the House of Representatives, other than the Speaker of the House, shall bear the number of the seat assigned to such member and except the plates issued to the Members of the Senate, except the President of the Senate, shall bear the number of the Senatorial District which the respective Senators represent.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 195, additional. Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 195 to read as follows :

§ 195. Letter and number size

Notwithstanding any other statutory provision to the contrary, all special license plates for state officials and government vehicles are to have a standardized letter and number size and to be of the same color.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 256, amended. The last sentence of the last paragraph of section 256 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section

5 of chapter 469 of the public laws of 1973, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Plate letter and number size shall be standardized and a single color shall be designated by the Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill implements recommendation #30, Department of Mental Health and Corrections, of the Maine Management and Cost Survey Report standardizing letter size and color of vehicle license plates. The Governor supported this recommendation in his Special Message to the 106th Legislature on January 10, 1974.