

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 504, L.D. 623, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for Specially Designed Registration Plates for the Maine National Guard."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the first line after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'29 MRSA §§192-A and 192-B are enacted to read:'

Further amend the Bill by inserting before the Fiscal Note the following:

<u>'§192-B.</u> Maine Fire Fighters

The Secretary of State, upon certification by the Commissioner of Public Safety that 25% of active municipal and volunteer fire fighters desire specially designed plates in place of regular registration plates, shall notwithstanding section 110, design and issue under such regulations as he shall deem appropriate a special registration plate. The registration plates so provided shall be issued only upon application therefor and upon payment of an initial service fee of \$10, again payable each registration year. The service fee is to be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee as prescribed by law.

Application for registration plates as prescribed in this section shall be for those vehicles authorized to use a passenger plate, excluding buses. Individuals making application shall be active municipal or volunteer firefighters, as defined in Title 30, section 3771, as certified by the legislative body of the municipality either employing the municipal fire fighter or recognizing the volunteer fire association to which the volunteer fire fighter belongs. HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 504, L.D. 623

Within 30 days of ceasing to be an active municipal or volunteer fire fighter, an individual holding registration plates under this section shall return the registration plates to the Secretary of State, who shall transfer the registration to a regular passenger vehicle plate for no fee.

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Any person other than an active municipal or volunteer fire fighter displaying the specially designed plate in lieu of an authorized registration plate shall be subject to a fine of \$100 for using the specially designed plate.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides for special registration plates for municipal and volunteer fire fighters under the same procedures as the bill provides for members of the National Guard.

Filed by Mr. Bustin of Augusta.

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