

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (EMERGENCY)
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 242

8 H.P. 208

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

9 Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered
10 printed.

11 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Macomber of So. Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator Danton of York.

13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 AN ACT Relating to Legislative Plate
19 Assignments Under the Motor Vehicle Laws.
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21 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
22 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
23 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

24 Whereas, legislative reapportionment of 1983 pro-
25 vided for the first time for 151 numerically desig-
26 nated House of Representative districts; and

27 Whereas, it is necessary to correct an inconsis-
28 tency in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, sec-
29 tion 193, to allow that House of Representative plate
30 assignments bear the district number represented by
31 each member; and

32 Whereas, it is necessary to provide for desig-
33 nated plates for members of legislative leadership;
34 and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
6 therefore,

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

9 29 MRSA §193, as amended by PL 1977, c. 78, §166,
10 is further amended to read:

11 §193. State officials

12 The Secretary of State shall, upon payment of the
13 fees required in sections 109 and 242, subsection 1,
14 paragraph A and application therefor, by Maine Mem-
15 bers of the United States Senate, Maine Members of
16 the United States House of Representatives, Members
17 of the Legislature, Representatives of the Indian
18 Tribes at the Legislature, President of the Senate,
19 Speaker of the House, Secretary of the Senate and,
20 Clerk of the House, Majority Leader, Assistant Major-
21 ity Leader, Minority Leader and Assistant Minority
22 Leader of the House of Representatives and the Senate
23 issue one pair of specially designed number plates
24 for one designated motor vehicle owned or controlled
25 by each of the officials named. Upon request by a
26 Maine Member of the United States Senate or by a
27 Maine Member of the United States House of Represen-
28 tatives, the Secretary of State shall issue an addi-
29 tional pair of specially designed number plates for a
30 2nd designated motor vehicle owned or controlled by
31 that member. Such specially designed plates and
32 their accompanying registration certificate shall be
33 issued to, and used by, the named officials in lieu
34 of the regular plates and registration provided for
35 in section 110 at the option of the named officials.
36 If any of the named officials shall choose to apply
37 for a motor vehicle registration and plates as pre-
38 scribed in section 110, and also request in addition
39 to the regular registration and plates, that he or
40 she be issued an additional set of specially designed
41 plates together with their accompanying certificates
42 of registration, the Secretary of State shall upon

1 receipt of application and the payment of a fee of \$2
2 issue such special plates and registration certifi-
3 cate for such motor vehicle that is currently regis-
4 tered and assigned regular registration plates. Any
5 specially designed number plates issued to any of the
6 named officials shall be valid only during the term
7 of office for which the registrant is elected. In
8 case the office is for any cause vacated during said
9 term, such special number plates and registration
10 certificate shall be immediately surrendered to the
11 Secretary of State.

12 The color, shape, size, lettering and numbering
13 of the special plates shall be determined by the Sec-
14 retary of State, except the plates issued to Members
15 of the House of Representatives, other than the
16 Speaker of the House, shall bear the number of the
17 seat assigned to such House District represented by
18 each member, and except the plates issued to the Mem-
19 bers of the Senate, except the President of the Sen-
20 ate, shall bear the number of the Senatorial District
21 which the respective Senators represent.

22 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
23 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
24 proved.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This bill changes the plate assignment for mem-
27 bers of the House of Representatives from the number
28 of the seat assigned to the number of the House Dis-
29 trict each member represents. This bill also allows
30 for specially designed legislative plates for the Ma-
31 jority and Minority floor leaders of the House of
32 Representatives and Senate.

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