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House of Representatives, February 7, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'DEA of Orono.

Cosponsored by Representative CARROLL of Gray and Representative RUHLIN of Brewer.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Display of Legislative Plates.

(EMERGENCY)



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

4 Whereas, currently, it is unclear whether state officials
6 may combine regular registration plates and special registration
plates on the same vehicle; and

8 Whereas, unless this ambiguity is clarified, certain state
10 officials may be perceived to be in contravention of the law; and

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

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

20 **29 MRSA §193, first ¶, as amended by PL 1977, c. 78, §166, is**
further amended to read:

22 The Secretary of State shall, upon payment of the fees
24 required in sections 109 and 242, subsection 1, paragraph A and
application therefor, by Maine Members of the United States
26 Senate, Maine Members of the United States House of
Representatives, Members of the Legislature, Representatives of
28 the Indian Tribes at the Legislature, President of the Senate,
Speaker of the House, Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the
30 House, issue one pair of specially designed number plates for one
designated motor vehicle owned or controlled by each of the
32 officials named. Upon request by a Maine Member of the United
States Senate or by a Maine Member of the United States House of
34 Representatives, the Secretary of State shall issue an additional
pair of specially designed number plates for a 2nd designated
36 motor vehicle owned or controlled by that member. Sueh The
Secretary of State shall issue these specially designed plates
38 and their accompanying registration certificate ~~shall be issued~~
~~to, and used by,~~ the named officials in lieu of the regular
40 plates and registration provided for in section 110 at the option
of the named officials. If any of the named officials shall
42 ~~choose~~ chooses to apply for a motor vehicle registration and
plates as prescribed in section 110, and also request requests,
44 in addition to the regular registration and plates, ~~that he or~~
~~she be issued~~ an additional set of specially designed plates
46 together with their accompanying certificates of registration,
the Secretary of State shall upon receipt of application and the
48 payment of a fee of \$2 issue sueh the special plates and
registration certificate for sueh the motor vehicle that is
50 currently registered and assigned regular registration plates.
The named official may attach to any such motor vehicle one of
52 the current registration plates issued under section 110 and one

2 of the current special registration plates issued under this
3 section. Any specially designed number plates issued to any of
4 the named officials shall ~~be~~ is valid only during the term of
5 office for which the registrant is elected. In case the office
6 is for any cause vacated during said that term, such the special
7 number plates and registration certificate shall must be
8 immediately surrendered to the Secretary of State.

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10 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
11 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

15 This bill permits state officials to display on their motor
16 vehicles one regular registration plate and one special
17 registration plate.
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