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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 415, L.D. 534, Bill, "An Act Establishing University of Maine System License Plates"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 419-B is enacted to read:

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CHAPTER 419-B

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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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§11631. University of Maine Scholarship Fund

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The University of Maine Scholarship Fund is created and established as a nonlapsing fund under the jurisdiction and control of the Finance Authority of Maine. All revenues credited to this fund must be distributed as need-based scholarships for students attending the University of Maine System. These scholarships may only be awarded to those students who are residents of the State, who pay tuition and who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements for a scholarship under the student incentive scholarship program. The Finance Authority of Maine shall award the scholarships and adopt rules for determining eligibility, terms and conditions for the scholarships. The fund may not be used for the costs of administering the scholarships.

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Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §252-J is enacted to read:

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§252-J. University of Maine System; special registration plates

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1. University of Maine System plate. The Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the

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registration fee required by section 242 and the special plate fee required in subsection 2, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of University of Maine System designating plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates. These plates must bear identification numbers and letters. The number of characters appearing on a plate may not exceed 7.

2. Special plate fee. In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, the annual fee for University of Maine System plates is \$25 to be credited as follows:

A. Fifteen dollars to the General Highway Fund; and

B. Ten dollars to the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund established in Title 20-A, section 11631.

3. Design. The Secretary of State shall determine a design for the special University of Maine System plates. If the design accommodates the use of numbers and letters as provided in section 192, the Secretary of State shall, upon request, issue University of Maine System plates that are also vanity plates. University of Maine System vanity plates are issued in accordance with the provisions of this section and section 192.

4. Not transferable. Special designating plates issued under this section are not transferable.

Sec. 3. Design of plates. Prior to final determination of a design for the University of Maine System plates, the Secretary of State shall develop one or more designs and present the design or designs to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation or a subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation for review and recommendations.

Sec. 4. Date of availability. The Secretary of State shall begin to issue the special University of Maine System plates no later than April 1, 1994.

Sec. 5. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1993-94	1994-95
SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF THE		
Administration - Motor Vehicles		
Positions	(1.0)	(1.0)
Personal Services	\$17,691	\$24,582

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2	All Other	56,952	29,312
	Capital Expenditures	2,500	
4	Provides funds for a Clerk		
6	Typist II position and		
	general operating expenses to		
8	manufacture and issue the		
	University of Maine System		
10	license plates.		
12	DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY		
	OF STATE		
14	TOTAL	<u>\$77,143</u>	<u>\$53,894</u>

16 **Sec. 6. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

18		1993-94	1994-95
20	FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE		
22	University of Maine Scholarship		
	Fund		

24	All Other	\$100,000	\$150,000
26	Provides funds for		
28	scholarships under the		
30	student incentive scholarship		
	program.		

32	FISCAL NOTE		
34		1993-94	1994-95

36	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
38	Highway Fund	\$77,143	\$53,894
40	Other Funds	100,000	150,000

42	REVENUES		
44	Highway Fund	\$142,500	\$213,750
46	Other Funds	100,000	150,000

48 This bill will establish a special University of Maine
System license plate to raise money for a scholarship fund to be
administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. The Finance
50 Authority of Maine will incur some minor additional costs to

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administer a new scholarship fund. These costs can be absorbed within the Finance Authority of Maine's existing budgeted resources. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles within the Department of the Secretary of State will require additional Highway Fund allocations of \$77,143 and \$53,894 in fiscal year 1993-94 and 1994-95, respectively, to manufacture and issue approximately 10,000 pairs of plates for fiscal year 1993-94 and 5,000 for fiscal year 1994-95.

These plates will increase net registration fee collections of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and increase dedicated revenues to the University of Maine Scholarship Fund. The estimated increases of Highway Fund revenues are \$142,500 and \$213,750 in fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95, respectively. The estimated increases of dedicated revenues to the scholarship fund are \$100,000 and \$150,000 in fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95, respectively. The Finance Authority of Maine will require additional allocations of \$100,000 and \$150,000 in fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95, respectively, to provide scholarships under the student incentive scholarship program.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original bill. Like the original bill, it allows the Secretary of State to issue special University of Maine System license plates. The amendment provides for a \$25 annual special plate fee. Of the \$25, \$15 is to be deposited in the General Highway Fund and \$10 is to be deposited in the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund. The Finance Authority of Maine is responsible for administering the fund and awarding the scholarships.

The Secretary of State is directed to present a design or designs to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation or a subcommittee of that committee for review. If the Secretary of State develops a design that can accommodate specially requested letters or numbers, vanity plates may be issued in accordance with current law and the annual service fee of \$15 for vanity plates will apply and be credited to the General Highway Fund.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation
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