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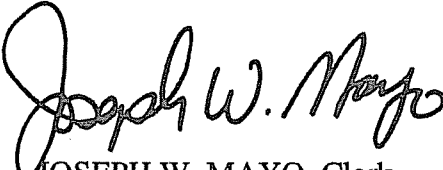
No. 876

H.P. 645

House of Representatives, March 12, 1993

**An Act to Change the Wording on Maine State Automobile License
Plates.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PFEIFFER of Brunswick. (By Request)

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §110, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 597,
4 §6, is further amended to read:

6 The Secretary of State shall furnish suitable number plates,
7 seals and other distinguishing marks, without charge, to every
8 person, except dealers, manufacturers and holders of transporter
9 registration plates, whose vehicle is registered under this
10 Title. These plates must be of a distinctly different color or
11 shade each year and must be in the form the Secretary of State
12 determines. The plates must bear the numerals of the year of
13 issue or the last 2 numerals of that year, the word "Maine" or
14 the abbreviation "Me." in letters not less than 3/4 inch in
15 height, and on plates issued for passenger vehicles for private
16 use and trucks, there must be placed at the bottom of the plates
17 in letters not less than 3/4 inch in height the word
18 "Vacationland." words "MAINE/FOR ALL SEASONS." The numerals of
19 the register number on the plates, except on motorcycle number
20 plates, may not be substantially less than 3 inches high. Number
21 plates issued for temporary or special classes of registration
22 must contain a distinguishing letter, mark or design selected by
23 the Secretary of State. A vehicle required to be registered in a
24 special class under this Title may display only the number plates
25 designed for that special class of registration.

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27 **Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §131, 3rd ¶**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 597,
28 §7, is further amended to read:

29 The following design elements are guidelines that must be
30 followed by the Secretary of State in the production of new
31 plates issued beginning July 1987. A new plate must have a white
32 background, identification numbers and letters and the border
33 must be distinctly navy blue in color with any graphic material
34 appearing in a color distinctly lobster red, featuring an
35 illustration of a lobster. The name of the State "Maine" must
36 appear centered at the top of the plate and the designation
37 "Vacationland" "MAINE/FOR ALL SEASONS" must appear centered at
38 the bottom. This guidance is meant to be applied in accordance
39 with the authority held by the Secretary of State in section 110.

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41 **Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §242, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1991, c.
42 793, §6 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

43 A. The fee for motor vehicles used for the conveyance of
44 passengers is \$22. The fee for motor vehicles used
45 interchangeably for the conveyance of passengers or property
46 is \$22. These vehicles must be designated as "combinations"
47 and may be issued a special plate with the word
48 "Combination" in lieu of "Vacationland." "MAINE/FOR ALL
49 "MAINE/FOR ALL SEASONS"

2 SEASONS." Passenger vehicles used under contract with the
3 State, a municipality or a school district to transport
4 students must be designated as "combinations." Vehicles
5 owned or operated by parents or legal guardians are exempt
6 from this provision. Commercial plates may not be issued to
7 or displayed on automobiles.

8 Motor vehicles used for the conveyance of passengers
9 operated exclusively on islands having no roads maintained
10 or supported by the State must be registered for a fee of \$2
11 and the municipality collecting excise tax for these
12 vehicles may collect an additional fee of \$4 to defray the
13 cost of removing abandoned vehicles.

14 For the purpose of registration only, a pickup truck may be
15 registered as provided for automobiles, provided that at no
16 time may the gross weight of a pickup truck so registered
17 exceed 6,000 pounds when used as a motor truck or truck
18 tractor. The owner of such a pickup truck desiring a gross
19 weight of the truck in excess of 6,000 pounds must register
20 the truck as provided in section 246.

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23 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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25 This bill changes the wording on Maine license plates from
26 "Vacationland" to "MAINE/FOR ALL SEASONS."