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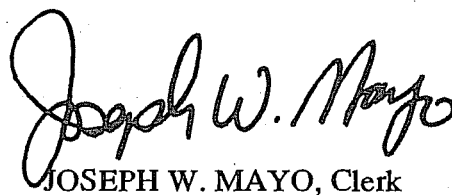
House of Representatives, February 24, 1994

An Act Concerning the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative STEVENS of Orono.

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

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6 Whereas, in 1993 the Legislature authorized the creation of
the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund and the issuance
of special license plates for the University of Maine System; and

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10 Whereas, this legislation makes a procedural change to the
scholarship fund and a change to the special plates; and

12 Whereas, the Secretary of State was directed to begin
issuing the special plates by April 1, 1994; and

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16 Whereas, it is important that the change proposed for the
special plates be made before the April 1, 1994 issuance
deadline; and

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

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

26 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11631**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 465, §1,
28 is amended to read:

30 **§11631. University of Maine Scholarship Fund**

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

46 **Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §252-K**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 465, §2
and corrected by RR 1993, c. 1, §§73 and 74, is amended to read:

48 **§252-K. University of Maine; special registration**
50 **plates**

52 1. **University of Maine plate.** The Secretary of State, upon

receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the registration fee required by section 242 and the administrative fee and voluntary contribution provided for 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. Administrative fee and contribution to University of Maine Scholarship Fund. University of Maine System special registration plates are not required for registration of a motor vehicle. A person may contribute to the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund by applying for the special registration plates and submitting, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, a sum of \$20, which is credited as follows:

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

B. Ten dollars to the General Highway Fund for administrative and production costs.

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. PL 1993, c. 465, §§3 to 6 are amended to read:

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

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

	1993-94	1994-95
FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE		
University of Maine System Scholarship Fund		
All Other	\$100,000	\$150,000
Provides funds for scholarships under the student incentive scholarship program.		

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends Public Law 1993, chapter 465 to remove the word "system" from the name of the University of Maine System

2 Scholarship Fund and from the references to the University of
Maine System license plates. It also makes a procedural change
4 to the scholarship fund.
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10 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the
need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical
amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.