

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 375

H.P. 273

House of Representatives, February 1, 1995

An Act to Create Special License Plates for Certain Civic Groups.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: MAYO of Bath, McALEVEY of Waterboro.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §466 is enacted to read:

§466. Civic organization registration plates

1. Civic organization registration plates authorized. The Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, the registration fee required by this Title and the administrative fee provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates for the following civic organizations: Knights of Columbus; Lions International; Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles; and any of the Masonic organizations.

2. Administrative fee. The annual service fee for a civic organization registration plate is \$25. The service fee must be credited to the General Fund. A sum sufficient to defray the cost of this program must be allocated annually from the General Fund.

3. Design. The Secretary of State, in consultation with representatives of the civic organizations and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters, shall determine the plate design. The design must bear either the name or the insignia of the specific civic organization and must accommodate the use of numbers and letters as provided in section 453. Upon request and as provided by section 453, the Secretary of State shall issue civic organization plates that are also vanity plates. Civic organization vanity plates are issued in accordance with this section and section 453. The annual service fee of \$15 for vanity plates is credited to the Highway Fund.

4. Temporary facsimile plate. The Secretary of State may issue a facsimile plate for temporary use up to a 60-day period until the permanent plate is received. The facsimile plate must be attached to the rear plate bracket.

STATEMENT OF FACT

44 This bill allows special license plates to be issued bearing the name or insignia of certain civic organizations. The annual fee is \$25 and all revenue above the cost of the program is allocated to the General Fund.