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H.P. 587

House of Representatives, March 14, 1995

An Act to Provide Recipients of the Purple Heart Medal with a Special Motor Vehicle Registration Plate.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOULD of Greenville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DEXTER of Kingfield, DiPIETRO of South Portland, FITZPATRICK of Durham, GAMACHE of Lewiston, GWADOSKY of Fairfield, HATCH of Skowhegan, JACQUES of Waterville, JONES of Bar Harbor, LAYTON of Cherryfield, LEMKE of Westbrook, MERES of Norridgewock, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MORRISON of Bangor, NICKERSON of Turner, POULIN of Oakland, SAXL of Bangor, SAXL of Portland, WINGLASS of Auburn, Senators: HALL of Piscataquis, LORD of York, RAND of Cumberland, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §524, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Purple Heart medal recipients; special license plates. 6 The Secretary of State, on application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482 and 8 a one-time additional fee of \$10, shall issue registration plates to a person who is a Purple Heart medal recipient. The Secretary 10 of State shall make plates available to a person who was awarded the Purple Heart medal in a qualifying war or armed conflict as defined in Title 37-B, section 504, subsection 4, paragraph A-1, 12 subparagraph (3), and who was honorably discharged. Notwithstanding section 523 or any other laws, a person who is 14 issued a registration plate under this subsection is not entitled 16 to free parking privileges provided for disabled veterans. 18 Proof of the award of the Purple Heart medal must be provided to

 Proof of the award of the Purple heart medal must be provided to the Secretary of State before the plates may be issued. The
 Secretary of State shall verify the documentation presented by the veteran. Misrepresentation of documents is in violation of section 2103, subsection 5.

 A veteran wounded during combat who has received the Purple Heart medal may purchase, at the normal plate fee and a one-time
 additional fee of \$10, and display the Purple Heart plate on every vehicle registered in the veteran's name on providing proof
 of the award as provided in this subsection.

- A 100% disabled veteran who is issued a free disabled veteran plate has the option of receiving a Purple Heart plate free,
   pursuant to section 523, subsection 2, in lieu of the disabled veteran plate. If the veteran has 2 or more vehicles, the
   veteran may receive either the disabled veteran plate or the Purple Heart plate free and may purchase the other plates at the
- 36 <u>normal plate fee and a one-time additional fee of \$10 for a</u> <u>Purple Heart plate.</u>
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- The surviving spouse of a Purple Heart medal recipient pursuant to this subsection is entitled to be issued Purple Heart plates as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried.
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  44 <u>These special designating plates must be of a design determined</u>
  44 <u>by the Secretary of State, must be designed for motor vehicles</u> and motorcycles and must utilize a numbering sequence beginning
- 46 with the number one and continuing sequentially.

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes the Secretary of State to issue special 52 plates for recipients of the Purple Heart medal.

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The Secretary of State may issue vanity registration plates in the same manner and at the same fee as regular vanity registration plates.

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