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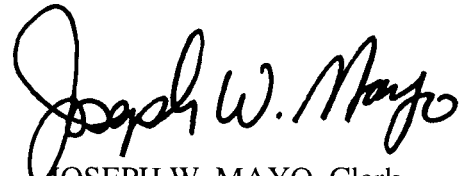
House of Representatives, April 4, 1995

**An Act to Authorize the Use of Loon Plates on Baxter State Park  
Authority Vehicles.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville, Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot and  
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, CAMERON of Rumford, CHARTRAND of  
Rockland, CLARK of Millinocket, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, GREEN of Monmouth,  
KEANE of Old Town, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, KONTOS of Windham, LaFOUNTAIN of  
Biddeford, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, LEMONT of Kittery, MURPHY of Berwick, NADEAU  
of Saco, O'NEAL of Limestone, ROSEBUSH of East Millinocket, SIMONEAU of  
Thomaston, STEVENS of Orono, THOMPSON of Naples, TREAT of Gardiner, TRIPP of  
Topsham, TRUMAN of Biddeford, WATSON of Farmingdale, WHEELER of Bridgewater,  
Senator: LONGLEY of Waldo.

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,** this legislation permits the use of environmental  
 registration plates on Baxter State Park Authority vehicles; and

8 **Whereas,** these plates need to be issued before the  
 expiration of the 90-day period; and

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 12 **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  
 14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
 safety; now, therefore,

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

20 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §517, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,  
 Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

22 **2. Plates.** The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive  
 plates that expire at the end of a 6-year period for state plates  
 24 and a 10-year period for municipal plates within the  
 semipermanent plate program. Vehicles owned by the State may  
 26 display a marker or insignia, approved by the Secretary of State,  
 plainly designating them as owned by the State.

28 The Secretary of State may issue environmental registration  
 30 plates to a state-owned vehicle assigned to the Department of  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Conservation or  
 32 the Baxter State Park Authority with authorization from the  
Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Commissioner  
 34 of Conservation or the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and  
 36 Wildlife in that commissioner's capacity as a member of the  
Baxter State Park Authority, respectively. A state-owned vehicle  
 38 issued environmental registration plates must display a marker or  
insignia designating the vehicle as state-owned and is exempt  
 40 from registration fees and the contribution under section 455,  
subsection 4.

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

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 46 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

48 This bill provides for the use of environmental registration  
 plates on Baxter State Park Authority vehicles. Similar use of  
 50 the plates on other state-owned vehicles is already authorized by  
 Public Law 1993, chapter 567, section 6.