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S.P. 29

In Senate, January 9, 1997

An Act to Broaden the Requirements for Special Veterans Registration Plates.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LAFOUNTAIN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro and
Senator TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: LEMAIRE of Lewiston, MADORE of
Augusta, WATSON of Farmingdale.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §524, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

2. Former prisoners of war; special license plates. The Secretary of State, on application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, shall issue a registration certificate and set of special designating plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates to any civilian citizen of the United States who was interned as a prisoner of war and to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces and who was a prisoner of war at any time during tenure of service, or the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war who is deceased, when that application is accompanied by a copy of the appropriate ~~military~~ form certifying that the person is a former prisoner of war. This special license plate is issued specifically to former prisoners of war and their spouses and the privilege of using the special plate is transferable only on the death of the former prisoner of war to the former prisoner's spouse. Upon the death of the former prisoner of war, the surviving spouse may retain and display the special license plate. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the special license plate on a motor vehicle, but may retain it as a keepsake. Upon the death of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the special license plate, but not use it on a motor vehicle.

These special designating plates must be of a design as determined by the Secretary of State that is unique and not duplicated by any other design.

SUMMARY

Current law requires that a person who applies for a prisoner of war plate must have United States Armed Forces service. This bill adds language that if a United States civilian citizen was interned as a prisoner of war, that person may receive a prisoner of war plate.