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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 28

S.P. 30

In Senate, January 9, 1997

An Act to Create Silver Star and Bronze Star License 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 DAVIDSON of Brunswick and
Representatives: LEMAIRE of Lewiston, MADORE of Augusta, McALEVEY of Waterboro,
WATSON of Farmingdale.

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

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §524, sub-§§5 and 6 are enacted to read:

5. Silver Star medal recipients; special license plates.

The Secretary of State, on application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the registration fee required by section 501 and a one-time additional fee of \$10, shall issue to a person who is a Silver Star medal recipient a registration certificate and a set of Silver Star registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates. The one-time additional fee of \$10 is credited to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs.

An application for Silver Star plates must be accompanied by proof that the applicant has been awarded the Silver Star medal. The Secretary of State shall verify the documentation presented by the applicant. Misrepresentation of documents is in violation of section 2103, subsection 5.

The Secretary of State may issue Silver Star plates for display only on an automobile or a pickup truck. A Silver Star recipient may be issued Silver Star plates for no more than 2 vehicles.

The surviving spouse of a Silver Star recipient issued plates in accordance with this subsection may retain and display the Silver Star plates as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the Silver Star plates on a motor vehicle but may retain them as a keepsake. Upon the death of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the Silver Star plates but may not use them on a motor vehicle.

The Secretary of State shall determine the design of the Silver Star plate. Upon request and as provided by section 453, the Secretary of State shall issue Silver Star plates that are also vanity plates. Silver Star 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.

A Silver Star recipient, or the surviving spouse of a Silver Star recipient, who does not operate a motor vehicle or register a motor vehicle and who otherwise qualifies for the issuance of special Silver Star registration plates may apply to the Secretary of State for a special single plate recognizing that award. The Secretary of State shall design and identify these single plates for recognition purposes only. Single Silver Star plates may not be attached to a motor vehicle. Only one plate may be issued to each recipient and a one-time fee of \$5 charged.

2 The Secretary of State shall begin issuing Silver Star plates in
accordance with this subsection no later than November 1, 1998.

4 6. Bronze Star medal recipients; special license plates.

6 The Secretary of State, on application and upon evidence of
8 payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the
10 registration fee required by section 501 and a one-time
12 additional fee of \$10, shall issue to a person who is a Bronze
14 Star medal recipient a registration certificate and a set of
16 Bronze Star registration plates to be used in lieu of regular
18 registration plates. The one-time additional fee of \$10 is
20 credited to the Highway Fund for administrative and production
22 costs.

24 An application for Bronze Star plates must be accompanied by
26 proof that the applicant has been awarded the Bronze Star medal.
28 The Secretary of State shall verify the documentation presented
30 by the applicant. Misrepresentation of documents is in violation
32 of section 2103, subsection 5.

34 The Secretary of State may issue Bronze Star plates for display
36 only on an automobile or a pickup truck. A Bronze Star recipient
38 may be issued Bronze Star plates for no more than 2 vehicles.

40 The surviving spouse of a Bronze Star recipient issued plates in
42 accordance with this subsection may retain and display the Bronze
44 Star plates as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried.
46 Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the Bronze Star
48 plates on a motor vehicle but may retain them as a keepsake.
Upon the death of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the
Bronze Star plates but may not use them on a motor vehicle.

The Secretary of State shall determine the design of the Bronze
Star plate. Upon request and as provided by section 453, the
Secretary of State shall issue Bronze Star plates that are also
vanity plates. Bronze Star 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.

A Bronze Star recipient, or the surviving spouse of a Bronze Star
recipient, who does not operate a motor vehicle or register a
motor vehicle and who otherwise qualifies for the issuance of
special Bronze Star registration plates may apply to the
Secretary of State for a special single plate recognizing that
award. The Secretary of State shall design and identify these
single plates for recognition purposes only. Single Bronze Star
plates may not be attached to a motor vehicle. Only one plate
may be issued to each recipient and a one-time fee of \$5 charged.

2 The Secretary of State shall begin issuing Bronze Star plates in
3 accordance with this subsection no later than July 1, 1999.

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5 **SUMMARY**

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7 This bill authorizes the Secretary of State to issue
8 special plates for recipients of the Silver Star medal and the
Bronze Star medal.