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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 19, L.D. 44, Bill, "An Act to Raise the Fee for Congressional and Legislative Registration Plates"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §460, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1995, c. 482, Pt. B, §4, is further amended to read:

1. State official registration plates authorized. The Secretary of State, on payment of taxes required in section 409 and fees required in section 501, subsections 1 and 2 and an additional fee equal to the cost of producing the plates, rounded to the nearest dollar, and upon application, shall issue one pair of specially designed number plates for one designated motor vehicle owned or controlled by each member of the United States Senate or the United States House of Representatives from this State, or members of the Legislature, Representatives of the Indian Tribes at the Legislature, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives. The cost of producing the special plates is determined by the bureau. A specially designed plate and its registration certificate may be used in place of the regular plate and registration. The named official may attach to such a motor vehicle one of the valid registration plates issued under section 451 and one of the valid registration special registration plates issued under this section.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

1998-99

REVENUES

Highway Fund	\$2,156
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Increasing the fee charged to Legislators and Members of Congress for state official registration plates by \$11.00 will increase Highway Fund revenue by \$2,156 every other year beginning in fiscal year 1998-99. This estimate is based on the current production of 196 pairs of plates prepared on a biennial basis and the actual cost of producing the plates is \$13.45 per pair or \$13.00 per pair rounded to the nearest dollar.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. Instead of providing for an additional \$10 fee for legislative and congressional license plates, it imposes an additional fee equal to the cost of producing the plates, rounded to the nearest dollar. The fee will be determined by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. According to that bureau, the cost of producing plates for the 1997-1998 legislative biennium was \$13.45 per pair.