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House of Representatives, February 11, 1997

An Act to Establish the Loon Plate as the Official State License Plate and Establish the Committee to Develop a Decal System for License Plates.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMKE of Westbrook. Cosponsored by Representative BUCK of Yarmouth.

_	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §610, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. BBB,
4	\$1, is repealed.
6	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7757, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. BBB, §2, is further amended to read:
8	1. Establishment. There is established the Maine
10	1. Establishment. There is established the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund. The fund receives money deposited by the Treasurer of State pursuant to seetion-7759-and
12	Title 36, section 5284, revenues generated in accordance with this section and any money contributed voluntarily to the fund.
14	All money deposited in the fund and the earnings on that money remain in the fund to be used for the management of nongame
16	wildlife and for necessary administrative and personnel costs associated with the management of nongame wildlife and may not be
18	deposited in the General Fund or any other fund, except as specifically provided by law.
20	Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7759, as amended by PL 1995, c. 508, §1, is
22	repealed.
24	Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§4, \P C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
26	C. On registration plates issued for private use and
28	trucks, the werd-"Vacationland" words "A Natural Treasure" must be centered at the bottom in letters not less than 3/4
30	inch in height.
32	Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§4, ¶¶E and F are enacted to read:
3.4	E. Except as provided in subsection 4-A, a new registration plate must have an illustration of a loon and be of the same
36	design as registration plates issued as environmental registration plates pursuant to section 455 from April 1,
38	1994 until July 1, 1999.
40	F. The Secretary of State shall devise a numbering system suitable for a general issue of registration plates.
42	Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:
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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

4-A. Optional registration plates. Upon request of the applicant at the time of registration, the Secretary of State 2 shall issue registration plates with a plain white background without the design specified in subsection 4, paragraph D or E. 4 Sec. 5. Committee to Develop a Decal System for License Plates. The Secretary of State shall convene the Committee to Develop a Decal System for License Plates, referred to in this section as the "committee," to accommodate the demand for specialty license 10 The committee consists of 7 members 12 1. Membership. selected as follows: 14 A. One Legislator appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House; 16 Five members of the public appointed jointly by the 18 Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the 20 House; and 22 One person selected by the Secretary of State to represent the office of the Secretary of State. 24 The committee shall elect a chair from among its members. 26 Purpose of committee. The committee shall develop a decal system to be used to accommodate the demand for specialty 28 license plates. The committee shall develop criteria for deciding eligibility of various organizations to participate in 30 the decal program and procedures for the production and sale of authorized decals to be affixed to a general issue registration 32 plate of plain design. 34 Report. The committee shall submit a report, including recommendations and any necessary implementing legislation, to 36 the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council no later than 38 February 1, 1998. 40 Sec. 6. Effective date. Sections 1 to 4 take effect July 1, 1999. 42 44 **SUMMARY** 46 This bill makes the loon design currently on 48 environmental registration plates the design for general issue plates. It provides for an optional plate of plain design to be 50 issued upon request. It establishes the Committee to Develop a Decal System for License Plates to accommodate the demand for

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specialty plates.