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House of Representatives, January 21, 1998

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**An Act to Create a Maine Children's Trust Fund Registration Plate.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KONTOS of Windham.  
Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and  
Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, MAILHOT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Augusta,  
PIEH of Bremen, TAYLOR of Cumberland, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, RAND of  
Cumberland.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3881, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 402, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

6       **3. Fund.** "Fund" means the repository for funds donated to  
8 the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated by the taxpayers of the  
10 State through an income tax checkoff pursuant to Title 36,  
12 section 5285 and the Maine Children's Trust Fund registration  
14 plate income under Title 29-A, section 468, as well as federal  
16 grants and contracts, privately donated funds and in-kind  
18 donations for prevention programs, or by any means for the  
20 purposes of this chapter.

22       **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3885, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 600,  
24 Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

26       **5. Endowment fund.** An endowment fund is established pursuant  
28 to this subsection. A minimum of 10% of tax checkoff and  
30 registration plate revenue received each year ~~from individuals~~  
32 must be set aside for allocation to the segregated endowment  
34 fund. Up to 90% of the tax checkoff and registration plate  
36 revenue and other income received by the endowment fund may be  
38 expended annually by the board in accordance with this chapter.

40       **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §468** is enacted to read:

42       **§468. Maine Children's Trust Fund registration plates**

44       The Secretary of State shall issue Maine Children's Trust  
46 Fund registration plates, referred to in this section as  
48 "children's trust registration plates," beginning July 1, 1999 in  
50 accordance with this section. Children's trust registration  
plates are not required for registration of a motor vehicle but  
are authorized to allow citizens to participate voluntarily in  
the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated program. A citizen may  
apply for children's trust registration plates and contribute to  
the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated as provided in this  
section.

1       **1. Issuance of children's trust registration plates.** The  
2 Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of  
3 payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, the registration  
4 fee required by this Title and the contribution to the Maine  
5 Children's Trust Incorporated provided for in subsection 4, shall  
6 issue a registration certificate and a set of children's trust  
7 registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration  
8 plates. The Secretary of State may issue children's trust  
9 registration plates to a vehicle in any registration class if the  
10 designated registration plate for that class does not preclude  
11 its use in conjunction with the children's trust registration

2 plate design. The Secretary of State may issue children's trust  
3 registration plates to certain state-owned vehicles in accordance  
4 with section 517.

6 2. Plate design; optional children's trust vanity plates.  
7 The Secretary of State, in consultation with the joint standing  
8 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human  
9 resources matters shall determine the plate design.

10 The design must accommodate the use of numbers and letters as  
11 provided in section 453. Upon request and as provided by section  
12 453, the Secretary of State shall issue children's trust  
13 registration plates that are also vanity plates. Children's  
14 trust vanity plates are issued in accordance with this section  
15 and section 453. The annual service fee of \$15 for vanity plates  
16 is credited to the Highway Fund.

18 3. Temporary facsimile plate. The Secretary of State may  
19 issue a facsimile plate for temporary use up to a 60-day period  
20 until the permanent plates are received. The facsimile plate  
21 must be attached to the rear plate bracket.

22 4. Initial contribution to the Maine Children's Trust  
23 Incorporated; renewal contribution. In addition to the regular  
24 motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the  
25 particular class of vehicle registered, the initial contribution  
26 for children's trust registration plates is \$20, which must be  
27 deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited to the Maine  
28 Children's Trust Incorporated established in Title 22, chapter  
29 1058.

30 In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee  
31 prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered,  
32 the annual renewal contribution for children's trust registration  
33 plates is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of  
34 State and credited to the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated  
35 established in Title 22, chapter 1058.

36 5. Reimbursement for production and issuance costs. The  
37 Treasurer of State shall transfer annually from the Maine  
38 Children's Trust Incorporated to the Highway Fund \$6 for each  
39 initial set of children's trust registration plates issued and \$1  
40 for each renewal of children's trust registration plates. This  
41 transfer is to reimburse the Secretary of State for costs  
42 associated with production and issuance of the plates.

43 6. Proceeds from sale of products using the children's  
44 trust registration plate design. All proceeds from the sale of  
45 products using the children's trust registration plate design  
46 must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited to the  
47 Maine Children's Trust Incorporated established in Title 22,  
48 chapter 1058.

