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L.D. 2321

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TRANSPORTATION

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1652, L.D. 2321, Bill, "An
Act to Provide Special Motor Vehicle Registration Plates for
Korean War Veterans"

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24 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting
the following:

26 **'An Act to Provide Recognition for Korean Conflict Veterans on
Special Veterans Registration Plates'**

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30 Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the
title and before the summary and inserting in its place the
following:

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34 **'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and**

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38 **Whereas, this Act provides special commemorative decals for
motor vehicle registration plates for veterans of the Korean
Conflict; and**

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42 **Whereas, this Act needs to take effect before the expiration
of the 90-day period so that these commemorative decals may be
issued for the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean
Conflict in June 2000; and**

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46 **Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
48 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
50 safety; now, therefore,**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§3, ¶A is enacted to read:

A. Between June 30, 2000 and June 29, 2001, the Secretary of State may issue special commemorative decals to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces during the Korean Conflict, June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955, when that person's application is accompanied by a fee not to exceed \$10 and appropriate military certification verifying the applicant's service during the Korean Conflict. This decal is to be affixed to the special veterans registration plate and may be displayed until the plate is retired.

Sec. 2. Veterans commemorative decals. By June 30, 2000, the Secretary of State shall develop and sell a commemorative decal for the Korean Conflict that is designed to overlay the red "V" on the current special veterans registration plate.

Sec. 3. Task force. By June 30, 2000, the Secretary of State shall convene a task force that includes representatives from veterans organizations and law enforcement agencies to study the feasibility of developing commemorative decals for other wars, military campaigns or military awards. In making its findings, the task force must consider the ability of law enforcement personnel to distinguish and identify the veterans plates, the development of a workable number of decals and the cost for these decals.

The task force must report its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 2, 2001. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to implement findings of the task force. In developing recommendations for the cost of these decals, the Secretary of State should recommend a cost that does not exceed the cost to produce and distribute them.

Sec. 4. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

SECRETARY OF STATE,
DEPARTMENT OF THE

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

All Other \$2,495

Allocates funds to cover the costs of

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2 producing commemorative decals to be used by
veterans of the Korean Conflict.

4 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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

10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 **2000-01**

14 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

16 Highway Fund \$2,495

18 **REVENUES**

20 Highway Fund \$3,000

22 This bill includes a Highway Fund allocation of \$2,495 in
24 fiscal year 2000-01 for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles within the
Department of the Secretary of State to produce special
26 commemorative decals.

28 Authorizing the issuance of a special commemorative decal
will increase Highway Fund revenue on a one-time basis by \$3,000
30 in fiscal year 2000-01.

32 The Department of the Secretary of State will incur some
minor additional costs to convene a task force to study the issue
34 of developing commemorative decals for other wars, campaigns or
awards and to submit the required report. These costs can be
36 absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.
The additional costs associated with serving on the task force
38 can be absorbed by the Department of Defense, Veterans and
Emergency Management utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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42 **SUMMARY**

44 This amendment replaces the bill. It directs the Secretary
of State to design a decal commemorating veterans of the Korean
46 Conflict that may be affixed over the red "V" on special veterans
registration plates. These decals may be sold for one year.

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50 The Secretary of State is also directed to convene a task
force to examine whether other commemorative decals can be

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2 developed and distributed. The task force must report its
findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
4 having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 2,
2001.

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