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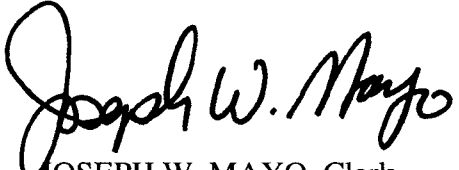
**An Act to Provide Special Motor Vehicle Registration Plates for Korean War Veterans.**

(EMERGENCY)

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 27, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FISHER of Brewer.  
Cosponsored by President LAWRENCE of York and  
Representatives: MATTHEWS of Winslow, O'NEIL of Saco, PERRY of Bangor, STANLEY  
of Medway, STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor, TREADWELL of Carmel, Senator:  
RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

4           Whereas, this Act provides special motor vehicle  
6 registration plates for Korean War veterans; and

8           Whereas, this Act needs to take effect before the expiration  
of the 90-day period so that these registration plates may be  
10 issued for the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean  
War in June 2000; and

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

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

20           **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §524, sub-§5 is enacted to read:**

22           **5. Korean War veterans; special license plates.** The  
24 Secretary of State, on application and upon evidence of payment  
of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482 and the  
26 registration fee required by section 501, shall issue a  
registration certificate and set of special designating plates to  
28 be used in lieu of regular registration plates to any person who  
served in the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War,  
30 June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955, when that application is  
accompanied by appropriate military certification verifying the  
32 applicant's service during the Korean War. Notwithstanding  
section 468, subsections 2 and 4, the Secretary of State may  
34 issue less than 2,000 of the plates authorized by this subsection.

36 The surviving spouse of a Korean War veteran issued plates in  
accordance with this subsection may retain and display the plates  
38 as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried. Upon  
remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the plates on a  
40 motor vehicle, but may retain them as a keepsake. Upon the death  
of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the plates, but  
42 may not use them on a motor vehicle.

44 These special designating plates must be of a design as  
determined by the Secretary of State.

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

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## SUMMARY

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4       This bill provides special motor vehicle registration plates  
for Korean War veterans.