

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

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H.P. 1653

House of Representatives, December 29, 1999

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### An Act to Create a Purple Heart Motorcycle License Plate.

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRS §515-B** is enacted to read:

6 **§515-B. Purple Heart medal recipients; special motorcycle registration plates**

8 The Secretary of State, on application and upon evidence of  
10 payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the  
12 registration fee required by section 515 and a one-time  
14 additional fee of \$5, shall issue a registration certificate and  
16 a set of Purple Heart motorcycle registration plates, to be used  
in lieu of regular registration plates, to a person who is a  
Purple Heart medal recipient. The one-time additional fee of \$5  
is credited to the Highway Fund for administrative and production  
costs.

18 An application for Purple Heart motorcycle registration  
20 plates must be accompanied by proof that the applicant has been  
22 awarded the Purple Heart medal. The Secretary of State shall  
verify the documentation presented by the applicant.  
Misrepresentation of documents is in violation of section 2103,  
subsection 5.

24 The surviving spouse of a Purple Heart recipient issued  
26 motorcycle registration plates in accordance with this subsection  
28 may retain and display the Purple Heart plates as long as the  
30 surviving spouse remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the  
32 surviving spouse may not use the Purple Heart plates on a  
motorcycle, but may retain them as a keepsake. Upon the death of  
the surviving spouse, the family may retain the Purple Heart  
plates, but may not use them on a motorcycle.

34 The Secretary of State shall determine the design of the  
36 Purple Heart motorcycle registration plate. Upon request and as  
38 provided by section 453, the Secretary of State shall issue  
40 Purple Heart motorcycle registration plates that are also vanity  
plates. Purple Heart vanity plates are issued in accordance with  
this section and section 453. The annual service fee of \$15 for  
vanity plates is credited to the Highway Fund.

42 A Purple Heart recipient or the surviving spouse of a Purple  
44 Heart recipient who does not operate a motorcycle or register a  
46 motorcycle and who otherwise qualifies for the issuance of  
48 special Purple Heart motorcycle registration plates may apply to  
the Secretary of State for a special single plate recognizing  
that award. The Secretary of State shall design and identify  
these special single plates for recognition purposes only.  
Special single plates may not be attached to a motorcycle. Only

2 one plate may be issued to each recipient and a one-time fee of  
3 \$5 charged.

4 The Secretary of State shall begin issuing Purple Heart  
5 motorcycle registration plates in accordance with this section no  
6 later than November 1, 2000.

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### SUMMARY

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11 This bill creates a Purple Heart motorcycle registration  
12 plate.