

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 678

H.P. 523

House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

### **An Act to Establish a Maine Lobster Specialty Plate.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative HONEY of Boothbay.  
Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and  
Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, ETNIER of Harpswell, McNEIL of Rockland,  
PINKHAM of Lamoine, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln.

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

2                   Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §456-A is enacted to read:

4                   §456-A. Lobster registration plates

6                   Subject to the requirements of section 468, the Secretary of  
8                   State shall issue lobster registration plates beginning November  
10                  1, 2001 in accordance with this section. Lobster plates are not  
12                  required for registration of motor vehicles but are to allow  
                    citizens to contribute voluntarily to the Lobster Fund within the  
                    Department of Marine Resources.

14                  1. Lobster registration plates; design. The Secretary of  
16                  State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of  
18                  the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the  
20                  registration fee required by section 501 and the administrative  
22                  fee and voluntary contribution provided for in subsection 2,  
24                  shall issue a registration certificate and a set of lobster  
                    registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration  
                    plates. The Secretary of State in consultation with the Lobster  
                    Promotion Council shall determine the plate design. The number  
                    of characters appearing on the lobster registration plate may not  
                    exceed 5.

26                  2. Administrative fee and contribution to the Lobster  
28                  Fund. A person may contribute to the Lobster Fund by applying  
30                  for the lobster registration plates and submitting, in addition  
                    to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, a sum of \$20  
                    credited as follows:

32                  A. Fourteen dollars to the Lobster Fund established in  
34                  Title 12, section 6451; and

36                  B. Six dollars to the Specialty License Plate Fund as  
38                  established in section 469 for administrative and production  
                    costs.

40                  3. Renewal fee. In addition to the regular motor vehicle  
42                  registration fee prescribed by law, the annual renewal  
                    contribution for lobster registration plates is \$15, which must  
                    be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

44                  A. Fourteen dollars to the Lobster Fund established in  
46                  Title 12, section 6451; and

48                  B. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund  
50                  established in section 469 for administrative and production  
                    costs.

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## SUMMARY

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This bill authorizes the issuance of a special lobster motor vehicle registration plate. Funds from the purchase of these plates will be deposited into the Lobster Fund within the Department of Marine Resources.

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