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No. 759

H.P. 604

House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

An Act to Create an Education License Plate.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative THOMAS of Orono.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, CLARK of Millinocket, DUNLAP of Old Town, DUPREY of Hampden, MORRISON of Baileyville, PERRY of Bangor, RINES of Wiscasset, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

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

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

4 **§456-A. Education registration plates**

6 Subject to the requirements of section 468, the Secretary of
8 State shall issue education registration plates beginning
10 November 1, 2001 in accordance with this section. Education
12 plates are not required for registration of motor vehicles but
 are to allow citizens to participate voluntarily to fund programs
 within the Department of Education.

14 **1. Education registration plates.** The Secretary of State,
16 upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the
18 excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the registration
20 fee required by section 501 and the administrative fee and
22 contribution provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a
 registration certificate and a set of education registration
 plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates. The
 Secretary of State in consultation with the Maine Education
 Association shall determine the plate design. These plates must
 bear identification numbers and letters.

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

32 A. Fourteen dollars to the Education Fund established in
 subsection 4; and

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

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

44 A. Fourteen dollars to the Education Fund established in
 subsection 4; and

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

2 4. Education Fund established. The Department of Education
shall establish an Education Fund to be used for general purpose
aid for education.

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SUMMARY

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10 This bill authorizes the issuance of an education
registration plate that will be used to fund general purpose aid
for education within the Department of Education.