

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 809

S.P. 241

In Senate, February 15, 2001

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**An Act to Create a Maine Black Bears License Plate.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and  
Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, HONEY of  
Boothbay, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MAYO of Bath, NORTON of Bangor, ROSEN of  
Bucksport, THOMAS of Orono.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 419-E** is enacted to read:

6 **CHAPTER 419-E**

8 **MAINE BLACK BEARS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

10 **§11691. Maine Black Bears Scholarship Fund**

12 The Maine Black Bears Scholarship Fund is created and  
14 established as a nonlapsing fund under the jurisdiction and  
16 control of the Finance Authority of Maine. All revenues credited  
18 to this fund must be distributed as need-based scholarships for  
20 students attending the University of Maine. These scholarships  
22 may only be awarded to students who meet the eligibility  
24 requirements for a scholarship under the student incentive  
26 scholarship program. The Finance Authority of Maine shall award  
28 the scholarships and adopt rules for determining eligibility,  
30 terms and conditions for the scholarships. The fund may not be  
32 used for the costs of administering the scholarships. Rules  
34 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules  
36 pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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

40 **§456-A. Maine Black Bears registration plate**

42 **1. Maine Black Bears plates.** Subject to requirements of  
44 section 468, the Secretary of State, upon receiving an  
46 application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by  
48 Title 36, section 1482, the annual motor vehicle registration fee  
required by section 501 and the contribution provided for in  
subsection 2, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of  
Maine Black Bears special registration plates to be used in lieu  
of regular registration plates. These plates must bear  
identification numbers and letters.

**2. Contribution to Maine Black Bears Scholarship Fund.** In  
addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed  
by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the  
initial contribution for Maine Black Bears plates is \$20, which  
must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as  
follows:

A. Fourteen dollars to the Maine Black Bears Scholarship  
Fund established in Title 20-A, section 11691; and

2           B. Six dollars to the Highway Fund to reimburse the  
3           Secretary of State for costs associated with the production  
4           and issuance of the Maine Black Bears special registration  
5           plates.

6           3. Design. The Secretary of State in consultation with the  
7           University of Maine Alumni Association shall determine a design  
8           for the Maine Black Bears special registration plates. The  
9           Secretary of State shall issue upon request Maine Black Bears  
10           plates that are also vanity plates. Maine Black Bears plates are  
11           issued in accordance with the provisions of this section and  
12           section 453.

13           4. Renewal fee. In addition to the regular motor vehicle  
14           registration fee prescribed by law, the annual renewal  
15           contribution for Maine Black Bears special registration plates is  
16           \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and  
17           credited as follows:

18           A. Fourteen dollars to the Maine Black Bears Scholarship  
19           Fund established in Title 20-A, section 11691; and

20           B. One dollar to the Highway Fund to reimburse the  
21           Secretary of State for costs associated with the production  
22           and issuance of the Maine Black Bears special registration  
23           plates.

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SUMMARY

31           This bill establishes the Maine Black Bears Scholarship Fund  
32           and the Maine Black Bears special registration plate, under which  
33           \$14 of the registration fee is dedicated to providing  
34           scholarships for students attending the University of Maine.