

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 15, 2001

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**An Act to Create a Specialty License Plate for Native Mainers.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and  
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, BELANGER of Caribou, BERRY of Belmont,  
HATCH of Skowhegan, LOVETT of Scarborough, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, WINSOR of  
Norway, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRS §456-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§456-A. Native Mainer registration plates**

8 Subject to the requirements of section 468, the Secretary of  
10 State shall issue native Mainer registration plates beginning  
12 November 1, 2001 in accordance with this section. Native Mainer  
14 plates are not required for registration of motor vehicles but  
are to allow citizens to participate voluntarily to fund programs  
to enhance fisheries and wildlife programs within the Department  
of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

16 **1. Native Mainer registration plates.** The Secretary of  
18 State, upon receiving an application and a certified copy of the  
20 applicant's birth certificate indicating the applicant's birth  
22 within the State, and evidence of payment of the excise tax  
24 required by Title 36, section 1482, the registration fee required  
by section 501 and the administrative fee and contribution  
provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a registration  
certificate and a set of native Mainer registration plates to be  
used in lieu of regular registration plates. These plates must  
bear identification numbers and letters.

26 **2. Administrative fee and contribution to special**  
28 **programs.** A person may contribute to the Native Mainer Special  
30 Programs Fund established in subsection 4 by applying for the  
32 special registration plates under subsection 1 and submitting, in  
addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, a sum of  
\$20, which must be credited as follows:

34 A. Fourteen dollars to the Native Mainer Special Programs  
Fund established in subsection 4; 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  
44 contribution for native Mainer registration plates is \$15, which  
must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as  
follows:

46 A. Fourteen dollars to the Native Mainer Special Programs  
48 Fund established in subsection 4; and

2           B. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund  
3           established in section 469 for administrative and production  
4           costs.

5           4. Special fund established. The Department of Inland  
6           Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish the Native Mainer Special  
7           Programs Fund to fund programs that enhance fisheries and  
8           wildlife.

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## SUMMARY

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14           This bill authorizes the issuance of a special native Mainer  
15           motor vehicle registration plate that will fund special programs  
16           within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.