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House of Representatives, February 20, 2001

**An Act to Eliminate the Fees Imposed on Purple Heart Recipients for
Special Registration Plates.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative BUMPS of China.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, FISHER of Brewer, HEIDRICH of Oxford, HONEY of Boothbay, McNEIL of Rockland, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, TREADWELL of Carmel.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRS §524, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 645,
Pt. B, §11, is further amended to read:

6 **4. Purple Heart medal recipients; special license plates.**
7 The Secretary of State, on application and upon evidence of
8 payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, and
9 the registration fee required by section 501 ~~and--a--one-time~~
10 ~~additional-fee-of-\$10~~, shall issue a registration certificate and
11 a set of Purple Heart registration plates, to be used in lieu of
12 regular registration plates, to a person who is a Purple Heart
13 medal recipient. ~~The one-time additional fee of \$10 is credited~~
14 ~~to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs.~~

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

22 The Secretary of State may only issue Purple Heart plates for
23 display on an automobile or pickup truck. A Purple Heart
24 recipient may be issued Purple Heart plates for no more than 2
25 vehicles.

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

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

42 A Purple Heart recipient or the surviving spouse of a Purple
43 Heart recipient, who does not operate a motor vehicle or register
44 a motor vehicle and who otherwise qualifies for the issuance of
45 special Purple Heart registration plates may apply to the
46 Secretary of State for a special single plate recognizing that
47 award.

48 The Secretary of State shall design and identify these single
49 plates.

2 plates for recognition purposes only. Single Purple Heart plates
may not be attached to a motor vehicle. Only one plate may be
issued to each recipient and a one-time fee of \$5 charged.

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6 The Secretary of State shall begin issuing Purple Heart plates in
accordance with this subsection no later than November 1, 1995.

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SUMMARY

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12 Under current law, a Purple Heart medal recipient may be
issued a set of Purple Heart registration plates upon application
and payment of excise tax, registration fee and a one-time
14 additional fee of \$10. This bill eliminates the \$10 fee.