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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1238

House of Representatives, March 15, 2001

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**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Veterans  
Commemorative Decal Task Force.**

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Reported by Representative FISHER for the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 751.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 218.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 751, §1, is further amended to read:

6           **3. Special veterans registration plates.** The Secretary of  
8 State, on application and upon evidence of payment of the excise  
10 tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the registration fee  
12 required by section 501 and a one-time additional fee of \$5,  
14 shall issue a registration certificate and a set of special  
16 veterans registration plates to be used in lieu of regular  
18 registration plates for a vehicle with a registered gross weight  
of not more than 9,000 pounds to any person who has served in the  
United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably  
discharged. If a veteran is the primary driver of 2 3 vehicles,  
the Secretary of State may issue in accordance with this section  
a set of special veterans registration plates for each vehicle.

20 Each application must be accompanied by the applicant's Armed  
22 Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, or  
24 certification from the United States Veterans Administration or  
the appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces  
verifying the applicant's military service and honorable  
discharge.

26 All surplus revenue collected for issuance of the special  
28 registration plates is retained by the Secretary of State to  
maintain and support this program.

30 ~~A. -- Between June 30, 2000 and June 29, 2001, the Secretary  
32 of State may issue special commemorative decals to any  
34 person who served in the United States Armed Forces during  
the Korean Conflict, June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955, when  
that person's application is accompanied by a fee not to  
36 exceed \$10 and appropriate military certification verifying  
the applicant's service during the Korean Conflict. -- This  
38 decal is to be affixed to the special veterans registration  
plate and may be displayed until the plate is retired.~~

40       **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§§5 and 6** are enacted to read:

42           **5. Special commemorative decals for medals awarded.** The  
44 Secretary of State may issue special commemorative decals for use  
46 with special veterans registration plates to any person who  
48 served in the United States Armed Forces, was honorably  
50 discharged and was awarded a medal described in paragraphs A to Q  
when that person's application is accompanied by the appropriate  
military certification verifying that the medal was awarded to  
the applicant. One set of commemorative decals may be issued for  
each set of special veterans registration plates issued under

2 this section. One set of 2 commemorative decals must be  
3 displayed on the front and back plates. The fee for a set of  
4 commemorative decals may not exceed \$5.

6 Special commemorative decals may be issued to applicants awarded  
7 the following medals:

8 A. Distinguished Service Cross;

10 B. Navy Cross;

12 C. Air Force Cross;

14 D. Silver Star;

16 E. Distinguished Flying Cross;

18 F. Bronze Star;

20 G. Soldier's Medal;

22 H. Navy or Marine Corps Medal;

24 I. Airman's Medal;

26 J. Coast Guard Medal;

28 K. Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal;

30 L. European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal;

32 M. Korean Service Medal;

34 N. Vietnam Service Medal;

36 O. Southwest Asia Service Medal;

38 P. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; and

40 Q. Kosovo Service Medal.

42 **6. Special commemorative decals for branches of armed**  
43 **forces. The Secretary of State may issue special commemorative**  
44 **decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any**  
45 **person who served in the United States Armed Forces and was**  
46 **honorably discharged when that person's application is**  
47 **accompanied by the appropriate military certification verifying**  
48 **the applicant's service. One set of commemorative decals may be**  
49 **issued for each set of special veterans registration plates**  
50 **issued under this section. One set of 2 commemorative decals**

2 must be displayed on the front and back plate. The fee for a set  
3 of commemorative decals may not exceed \$5.

4 Special commemorative decals may be issued to applicants who  
5 served in the:

6 A. United States Army;

8 B. United States Air Force;

10 C. United States Navy;

12 D. United States Marine Corps; or

14 E. United States Coast Guard.

16 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect November 5, 2001.

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20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill allows 3 sets of special veterans registration  
23 plates to be issued to a qualified veteran. The bill establishes  
24 a maximum registered gross vehicle weight of 9,000 pounds for a  
25 vehicle to qualify for special veterans plates. The bill repeals  
26 the Korean War special commemorative decal and allows the  
27 issuance of 22 veteran decals to be used in connection with the  
28 special veterans registration plate. The effective date of this  
bill is November 5, 2001 to commemorate Veterans Day.