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An Act To Change the Legislative License Plate to a Combination Plate

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DAIGLE of Arundel.

Cosponsored by Representatives: McKENNEY of Cumberland, USHER of Westbrook.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §460, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 471,
4 Pt. A, §29, is further amended to read:

6 **1. State official registration plates authorized.** The
7 Secretary of State, on payment of taxes required in section 409,
8 fees required in section 501, subsections 1 and 2-A and an
9 additional fee equal to the cost of producing the plates, rounded
10 to the nearest dollar, and upon application, shall issue one pair
11 of specially designed number plates for one designated motor
12 vehicle owned or controlled by each member of the United States
13 Senate or the United States House of Representatives from this
14 State, or members of the Legislature, Representatives of the
15 Indian Tribes at the Legislature, the President of the Senate,
16 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the
17 Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives. State
18 official registration plates are designated "combination"
19 vehicles as described in section 501. The cost of producing the
20 special plates is determined by the bureau. A specially designed
21 plate and its registration certificate may be used in place of
22 the regular plate and registration. The named official may
23 attach to such a motor vehicle one of the valid registration
24 plates issued under section 451 and one of the special
25 registration plates issued under this section.

26 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§1.** as amended by PL 1999, c. 790,
27 Pt. C, §3 and affected by §19, is further amended to read:

30 **1. Automobiles; pickup trucks.** The fee for an automobile
31 or pickup truck used for the conveyance of passengers or
32 interchangeably for passengers or property is \$25.

34 An automobile used for the conveyance of passengers or property
35 is a "combination" vehicle and may be issued a special plate with
36 the word "combination" instead of "Vacationland." A passenger
37 vehicle used under contract with the State, a municipality or a
38 school district to transport students must be designated as
39 "combination." A vehicle owned or operated by parents or legal
40 guardians is exempt from this subsection. A passenger vehicle
41 used by a state official eligible for a state official
42 registration plate as described in section 460 is also designated
43 as a "combination" vehicle.

44 Commercial plates may not be issued for or displayed on an
45 automobile.

48 The gross weight of a pickup truck registered as provided by this
49 subsection may not exceed 6,000 pounds. An owner of a pickup
50 truck who operates the pickup truck with a gross weight in excess

2 of 6,000 pounds or the pickup truck drawing a semitrailer with a
combined gross weight in excess of 6,000 pounds must register the
truck as provided in section 504.

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6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a combination of
vehicles consisting of a pickup truck as defined in section 101,
subsection 55 and a semitrailer with a registered weight of 2,000
8 pounds or less may be registered under this section for the
combined gross weight of the pickup truck and the semitrailer.

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12 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill designates passenger vehicles using state official
registration plates, including legislative registration plates,
16 as "combination" vehicles.