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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1254, L.D. 1732, Bill, "An Act To Honor Maine's First Peoples"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §524-A is enacted to read:

§524-A. Wabanaki registration plates

No later than November 1, 2005, the Secretary of State shall issue Wabanaki registration plates to members of federally recognized tribes in the State pursuant to this section.

1. Wabanaki registration plates. The Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the registration fee required by section 501, the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, a statement signed by a tribal official from a federally recognized tribe within the Wabanaki Confederacy proving the applicant's membership in the tribe, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of Wabanaki registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates. These plates must bear identification numbers and letters and the word "Wabanaki."

2. Reimbursement for production and issuance costs for plates. The Wabanaki Confederacy shall pay all costs associated with the initial production and issuance of the plates and shall provide payment to the Secretary of State for the costs to replenish the Wabanaki plate inventory.

2 3. Design. The Secretary of State, in consultation with
3 the Wabanaki Confederacy, shall determine a design for the
4 Wabanaki registration plates. The joint standing committee of the
5 Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters shall
6 review the final design prior to manufacture of the plates. Upon
7 request, the Secretary of State shall issue Wabanaki plates that
8 are also vanity plates. Wabanaki plates are issued in accordance
9 with the provisions of this section and section 453.

10 4. Renewal fee. The renewal fee for the Wabanaki plate is
11 the regular motor vehicle registration fee required by section
12 501.

14 5. Duplicate plates. The Secretary of State shall issue
15 Wabanaki plates in a 3-number and 3-letter combination sequence.
16 Vanity plates may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another
17 class of plate.

18 6. Weight limit. A Wabanaki plate may be issued for a
19 motor vehicle that does not exceed 9,000 pounds. A motor vehicle
20 that exceeds 6,000 pounds is subject to the fees in section 504.'
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24 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment replaces the bill and creates a process to
27 issue a special registration plate to members of the Wabanaki
28 Confederacy.

30 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
32 **(See attached)**

121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review



LD 1732

An Act To Honor Maine's First Peoples

LR 2209(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Needed: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Net Cost (Savings)				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$9,586	\$0
Revenue				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$9,586	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The issuance of special registration plates to members of federally recognized tribes will require a one-time additional Highway Fund allocation of \$9,586 in fiscal year 2005-06 to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles within the Department of the Secretary of State. This additional cost will be reimbursed by the federally recognized tribes, thereby resulting in a one-time Highway Fund revenue increase of \$9,586 in fiscal year 2005-06.