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DATE: 4/13/05

L.D. 360

(Filing No. H-131)

TRANSPORTATION

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 273, L.D. 360, Bill, "An Act To Create a Retired Firefighter License Plate"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Allow Retired Firefighters To Retain Their Firefighter License Plates'

Further 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 §519, as amended by PL 1999, c. 470, §5, is further amended to read:

§519. Registration plates for firefighters

1. Authority to issue special registration plate. Upon application by an active firefighter whose status is certified by the fire chief, assistant fire chief or acting fire chief appointed or elected pursuant to Title 30-A, section 3153, the Secretary of State shall issue a special firefighter registration plate.

2. Registration plate design. The Secretary of State may design a numerical registration plate.

3. Use of registration plate. The registration plate may be used only on only one motor vehicle with a registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 4. **Fee for registration plate.** An additional one-time fee
4 of \$5 is charged for a set of firefighter registration plates.

6 5. **Recall of registration plate.** ~~If~~ Except as provided in
8 subsection 6, when a firefighter ceases to be an active
firefighter, the fire chief shall notify the Secretary of State
and the Secretary of State shall recall the registration plate.

10 6. **Retired firefighter; retention of registration plate.**
12 Upon approval by the fire chief, assistant fire chief or acting
14 fire chief, a retired firefighter may continue to use the
registration plates issued under this section. Upon the death of
the firefighter, the family of the firefighter may retain the
registration plates but may not use them on a vehicle.

16 7. **Firefighter vanity plates.** Effective March 1, 2006 the
18 Secretary of State shall issue firefighter registration plates
20 that are also vanity plates. Firefighter registration vanity
plates are issued in accordance with section 453. Firefighter
22 registration vanity plates may not duplicate vanity registration
plates in any other class of plate.'

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SUMMARY

28 This amendment replaces the bill. It allows retired
30 firefighters to retain their firefighter registration plates with
approval from the fire chief, assistant fire chief or acting fire
32 chief. Upon the death of the firefighter, the family of the
firefighter may retain the registration plate but may not use it
34 on a vehicle. The amendment also allows the Secretary of State
to issue firefighter vanity registration plates.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LR 0201(02)

An Act To Create a Retired Firefighter License Plate

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

| | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | Projections 2007-08 | Projections 2008-09 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| Highway Fund | (\$1,200) | (\$4,800) | (\$4,800) | (\$4,800) |
| Revenue | | | | |
| Highway Fund | \$1,200 | \$4,800 | \$4,800 | \$4,800 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The authorization of firefighter vanity motor vehicle registration plates will result in increased Highway Fund revenues in the amounts of \$1,200 and \$4,800 in fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07, respectively.