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House of Representatives, January 27, 2005

An Act To Create an Agriculture Recognition License Plate

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and
Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, JODREY of Bethel, SAVIELLO of Wilton,
TARDY of Newport, THOMPSON of China, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, DAVIS of
Piscataquis, DOW of Lincoln.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §456-C is enacted to read:**

6 **§456-C. Agriculture recognition registration plates**

8 Beginning November 1, 2006, the Secretary of State, in
10 accordance with this section and section 468, shall issue
12 registration plates for the purpose of raising awareness of
14 agriculture among students, educators and the general public and
16 encouraging the youth of this State to participate in this
18 industry. Agriculture recognition plates are not required for
20 registration of a motor vehicle but are to allow citizens to
22 participate voluntarily to fund programs that benefit
24 agricultural youth organizations.

26 **1. Agriculture recognition registration plate.** The
18 Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of
20 payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the
22 registration fee required by section 501 and the administrative
24 fee and contribution provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a
26 registration certificate and a set of agriculture recognition
28 registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration
30 plates. These plates must bear identification numbers and
32 letters.

34 **2. Administrative fee and contribution to special**
28 **programs.** A person may contribute to the Agriculture Recognition
30 Special Programs Fund established in subsection 5 by applying for
32 the agriculture recognition registration plates and submitting,
34 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, a sum
36 of \$20, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and
38 credited as follows:

36 A. Ten dollars to the Agriculture Recognition Special
38 Programs Fund established in subsection 5; and

40 B. Ten dollars to the Specialty License Plate Fund as
42 established in section 469 for administrative and production
44 costs.

46 **3. Design.** A sponsor must submit a design for the
48 agriculture recognition registration plate to the Secretary of
50 State for approval or modification in accordance with section
52 468, subsection 6.

4. Renewal fee. In addition to the regular motor vehicle
48 registration fee prescribed by law, the annual renewal
50 contribution for agriculture recognition registration plates is
52 \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and
credited as follows:

2 A. Ten dollars to the Agriculture Recognition Special
Programs Fund established in subsection 5; and

4 B. Five dollars to the Specialty License Plate Fund
established in section 469 for administrative and production
6 costs.

8 5. Special fund established. The Treasurer of State shall
10 establish the Agriculture Recognition Special Programs Fund into
which fees paid for the registration plates are deposited
12 pursuant to subsections 2 and 4 to fund programs that support the
Maine Ag in the Classroom Association and other agricultural
14 youth organizations as approved by the Maine Ag in the Classroom
Association.

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SUMMARY

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20 This bill authorizes the issuance of an agriculture
recognition registration plate to support programs that benefit
the Maine Ag in the Classroom Association and other agricultural
22 youth organizations approved by that association.