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House of Representatives, February 1, 2005

An Act To Create a Special Higher Education License Plate

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston.
Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and
Representatives: FISCHER of Presque Isle, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MARLEY of Portland,
MILLS of Farmington, PERCY of Phippsburg, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senators: DAMON of
Hancock, SAVAGE of Knox.

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. Higher education registration plates**

8 The Secretary of State shall issue registration plates to honor accredited institutions of higher learning in the State, sponsored by the Finance Authority of Maine beginning November 1, 2006 in accordance with this section and the guidelines of section 468. The higher education special registration plates are not required for registration of a motor vehicle but are to allow citizens to participate voluntarily to fund the Maine State Grant Program.

16 1. Higher education registration plate. The Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the annual motor vehicle registration fee required by section 501 and the administrative fee and voluntary contribution provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of higher education registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates. These plates must bear identification numbers and letters.

26 2. Administrative fee and contribution to special programs. A person may contribute to the Maine State Grant Program by applying for the higher education special registration plates and submitting, in addition to the regular motor vehicle fee, a sum of \$20 credited as follows:

32 A. Ten dollars to the Maine State Grant Program as established in Title 20-A, section 11612; and

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

38 3. Design. A sponsor must submit a design for the special registration plate to the Secretary of State for approval or modification in accordance with section 468, subsection 5. The design must allow the display of a college or university logo decal on the plates, and a commitment to purchase at least 200 plates is required for the logo of the college or university to be included on a special registration plate.

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

2 A. Ten dollars to the Maine State Grant Program as
3 established in Title 20-A, section 11612; and

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

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SUMMARY

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This bill authorizes the issuance of a higher education special registration plate to honor institutions of higher learning in Maine and to fund the Maine State Grant Program.

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