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S.P. 485

In Senate, March 22, 2005

An Act To Create a Specialty License Plate for Members of the Maine National Guard

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: DAMON of Hancock, DAVIS of Piscataquis, MITCHELL of
Kennebec, RAYE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford,
MARRACHÉ of Waterville, PARADIS of Frenchville.

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

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

§456-C. National Guard registration plates

The Secretary of State shall issue registration plates for past and present members of the Maine National Guard, beginning November 1, 2006 in accordance with this section and the guidelines of section 468. National Guard plates are not required for registration of a motor vehicle but are to allow past and present members of the National Guard to participate voluntarily to help fund the Maine Military Family Relief Fund established in Title 37-B, section 158. The Adjutant General will provide confirmation of an applicant's past or present membership in the Maine National Guard to the Secretary of State upon request.

1. National Guard 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 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 National Guard registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates for past and present members of the National Guard upon proof of past or present service to the Maine National Guard.

2. Administrative fee and contribution to special programs. A person who is a past or present member of the National Guard may contribute to the Maine Military Family Relief Fund under this section by applying for the special registration plates and submitting, in addition to the regular motor vehicle fee, a sum of \$20 credited as follows:

A. Ten dollars to the Maine Military Family Relief Fund under this section; and

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

3. Design. The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Adjutant General, shall determine a design for the Maine National Guard registration plates. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters shall review the final design prior to manufacture of the plates. The Secretary of State shall issue upon request Maine National Guard

2 plates that are also vanity plates. Maine National Guard plates
3 are issued in accordance with the provisions of this section and
4 section 453.

5 4. Renewal fee. In addition to the regular motor vehicle
6 registration fee prescribed by law, the annual renewal
7 contribution of a past or present member of the Maine National
8 Guard for National Guard registration plates is \$15, which must
9 be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

10 A. Ten dollars to the Maine Military Family Relief Fund
11 under this section; and

12 B. Five dollars to the Specialty License Plate Fund
13 established in section 469 for administrative and
14 production costs.

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

19 6. Weight limit. A Maine National Guard plate may be
20 issued for a motor vehicle that does not exceed 9,000 pounds. A
21 motor vehicle that exceeds 6,000 pounds is subject to the fees in
22 section 504.

28 SUMMARY

29 This bill authorizes the issuance of a special registration
30 plate for members of the Maine National Guard that will help fund
31 the Maine Military Family Relief Fund. The license plates issued
32 are for past and present members of Maine National Guard only.