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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1459, L.D. 2075, Bill, "An Act To Amend Motor Vehicle Laws"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §455 by striking out all of subsections 4 and 4-A (page 2, lines 14 to 34 in amendment) and inserting the following:

4. Initial contribution to Maine Environmental Trust Fund. In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the initial contribution for environmental registration plates is \$20, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited to the ~~Maine Environmental Trust Fund established in Title 12, section 10255.~~ as follows:

- A. Fourteen dollars to the Maine Environmental Trust Fund established in Title 12, section 10255;
- B. Five dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and
- C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

~~In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the annual renewal contribution for environmental registration plates is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited to the Maine Environmental Trust Fund established in Title 12, section 10255.~~

4-A. Renewal fee. In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the annual renewal contribution for environmental registration plates is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

- A. Fourteen dollars to the Maine Environmental Trust Fund established in Title 12, section 10255; and
- B. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

Amend the amendment in section 2 in §456 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 3, lines 17 to 26 in amendment) and inserting the following:

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1 **2. Administrative fee and contribution to University of Maine System**
2 **Scholarship Fund.** University of Maine System special registration plates are not
3 required for registration of a motor vehicle. A person may contribute to the University of
4 Maine System Scholarship Fund by applying for the special registration plates and
5 submitting, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, a sum of \$20, which
6 must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

7 A. Fourteen dollars to the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund established
8 in Title 20-A, section 10909; ~~and~~

9 B. ~~Six~~ Five dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs;
10 and

11 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.'

12 Amend the amendment in section 2 in §456 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page
13 3, lines 32 to 39 in amendment) and inserting the following:

14 **5. Renewal fee.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed
15 by law, the annual renewal contribution for University of Maine System registration
16 plates is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as
17 follows:

18 A. Fourteen dollars to the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund established
19 in Title 20-A, section 10909; and

20 B. One dollar to the Highway Specialty License Plate Fund ~~for administrative and~~
21 ~~production costs~~ established under section 469.'

22 Amend the amendment in section 3 in §456-A by striking out all of subsection 2
23 (page 4, lines 19 to 26 in amendment) and inserting the following:

24 **2. Contribution to Lobster Research, Education and Development Fund.** In
25 addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the particular
26 class of vehicle registered, the initial contribution for lobster plates is \$20, which must be
27 deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

28 A. Ten dollars to the Lobster Research, Education and Development Fund
29 established in Title 12, section 6465; ~~and~~

30 B. ~~Ten~~ Nine dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs;
31 and

32 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.'

33 Amend the amendment in section 3 in §456-A by striking out all of subsection 4
34 (page 4, lines 34 to 40 in amendment) and inserting the following:

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

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1 A. Ten dollars to the Lobster Research, Education and Development Fund
2 established in Title 12, section 6465; and

3 B. ~~Five~~ Four dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs;
4 and

5 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.'

6 Amend the amendment in section 4 in §456-B by striking out all of subsection 2
7 (page 5, lines 39 to 42 and page 6, lines 1 to 4 in amendment) and inserting the
8 following:

9 '2. **Contribution to Maine Black Bears Scholarship Fund.** In addition to the
10 regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle
11 registered, the initial contribution for Maine Black Bears plates is \$20, which must be
12 deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

13 A. Ten dollars to the Maine Black Bears Scholarship Fund established in Title 20-A,
14 section 10971; and

15 B. ~~Ten~~ Nine dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs;
16 and

17 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.'

18 Amend the amendment in section 4 in §456-B by striking out all of subsection 4
19 (page 6, lines 12 to 18 in amendment) and inserting the following:

20 '4. **Renewal fee.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed
21 by law, the annual renewal contribution for Maine Black Bears special registration plates
22 is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

23 A. Ten dollars to the Maine Black Bears Scholarship Fund established in Title 20-A,
24 section 10971; and

25 B. ~~Five~~ Four dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs;
26 and

27 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.'

28 Amend the amendment in section 5 in §456-C by striking out all of subsection 2
29 (page 7, lines 16 to 24 in amendment) and inserting the following:

30 '2. **Initial registration fee.** ~~A person may apply for the special registration plates by~~
31 ~~paying a sum of \$20 credited to the Boat Launch Facilities Fund established in Title 12,~~
32 ~~section 10261. In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law,~~
33 ~~the initial contribution for the sportsman registration plate is \$20, which must be~~
34 ~~deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:~~

35 A. Ten dollars to the Boat Launch Facilities Fund established in Title 12, section
36 10261;

37 B. Nine dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

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1 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.'

2 Amend the amendment in section 5 in §456-C by striking out all of subsection 3
3 (page 7, lines 25 to 39 and page 8, lines 1 to 4 in amendment) and inserting the following:

4 **'3. Renewal fee.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed
5 by law, the annual renewal contribution for sportsman registration plates is \$20. ~~Fifty~~
6 ~~percent of that sum is credited to the fish hatchery maintenance fund established in Title~~
7 ~~12, section 10252, 15% is credited to the Boat Launch Facilities Fund established in Title~~
8 ~~12, section 10261, 10% is credited to the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund~~
9 ~~established in Title 12, section 10253 and 25% is credited to the Support Landowners~~
10 ~~Program in Title 12, section 10108, subsection 4, paragraph A., which must be deposited~~
11 ~~with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:~~

12 A. Fifteen dollars credited as follows:

13 (1) Fifty percent to the fish hatchery maintenance fund established in Title 12,
14 section 10252;

15 (2) Fifteen percent to the Boat Launch Facilities Fund established in Title 12,
16 section 10261;

17 (3) Ten percent to the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund
18 established in Title 12, section 10253; and

19 (4) Twenty-five percent to the Support Landowners Program in Title 12, section
20 10108, subsection 4, paragraph A;

21 B. Four dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

22 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.'

23 Amend the amendment in section 6 in §456-D by striking out all of subsection 2
24 (page 8, lines 28 to 39 in amendment) and inserting the following:

25 **'2. Administrative fee and contribution to special programs.** A person may
26 contribute funds for the purposes of providing financial assistance to members of the
27 Maine National Guard and their families or residents of the State who are members of the
28 Reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States and their families for emergencies and
29 other special needs by applying for the We Support Our Troops plates and submitting, in
30 addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee required under section 501, a sum of
31 \$20, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

32 A. Ten dollars to the Maine National Guard Foundation Fund Special Revenue
33 Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management,
34 referred to in this section as "the fund," for use in accordance with subsection 7;

35 B. Nine dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

36 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.'

37 Amend the amendment in section 6 in §456-D by striking out all of subsection 3
38 (page 9, lines 1 to 6 in amendment) and inserting the following:

1 3. Renewal fee. In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee required
2 under section 501, the annual renewal contribution for We Support Our Troops plates is
3 \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

4 A. Ten dollars to the fund for use in accordance with subsection 7;

5 B. Four dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

6 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.'

7 Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

8 **Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §456-E, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 547, §2, is
9 amended to read:

10 **2. Contribution; credit to Breast Cancer Services Special Program Fund.** In
11 addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the particular
12 class of vehicle registered, the initial contribution for the breast cancer support services
13 special registration plates is \$20, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and
14 credited as follows:

15 A. ~~Nine~~ Ten dollars to the Breast Cancer Services Special Program Fund, as
16 established in Title 22, section 1408;

17 B. ~~Ten~~ Nine dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs;
18 and

19 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund; established under section 469, ~~for~~
20 ~~administrative and production costs.~~

21 **Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §456-E, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 547, §2, is
22 amended to read:

23 **4. Renewal fee.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed
24 by law, the annual renewal contribution for breast cancer support services special
25 registration plates is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and
26 credited as follows:

27 A. ~~Nine~~ Ten dollars to the Breast Cancer Services Special Program Fund, as
28 established in Title 22, section 1408;

29 B. ~~Five~~ Four dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs;
30 and

31 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund; established under section 469, ~~for~~
32 ~~administrative and production costs.~~

33 **Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §456-F** is enacted to read:

34 **§456-F. Agriculture education registration plate**

35 **1. Agriculture education plates.** The Secretary of State, upon receiving an
36 application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482,
37 the annual motor vehicle registration fee required by section 501, section 504, subsection

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1 1 or section 505 and the contribution provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a
2 registration certificate and a set of agriculture education special registration plates to be
3 used in lieu of regular registration plates. These plates must bear identification numbers
4 and letters.

5 **2. Contribution; credit to Agriculture Education Plate Fund.** In addition to the
6 regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle
7 registered, the initial contribution for agriculture education plates is \$20, which must be
8 deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

9 A. Ten dollars to the Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Council established in
10 Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 4-C;

11 B. Nine dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

12 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

13 **3. Design; review; vanity plates.** The Secretary of State, in consultation with the
14 Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Association, shall determine a design for the
15 agriculture education special registration plates. The joint standing committee of the
16 Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters shall review the final design
17 prior to manufacture of the plates. The Secretary of State shall issue upon request
18 agriculture education plates that are also vanity plates. Agriculture education plates are
19 issued in accordance with the provisions of this section and section 453.

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

24 A. Ten dollars to the Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Council established in
25 Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 4-C;

26 B. Four dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

27 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

28 **5. Transfer of fees.** On a quarterly basis, the Secretary of State shall transfer the
29 revenue from the issuance and renewal of the agriculture education registration plates to
30 the Treasurer of State for deposit and crediting pursuant to subsections 2 and 4.

31 **6. Duplicate plates.** The Secretary of State shall issue an agriculture education plate
32 in a 3-number and 3-letter combination sequence. Vanity plates may not duplicate vanity
33 plates issued in another class of plate.

34 **7. Eligibility; trucks.** An agriculture education registration plate may be issued for:

35 A. A vehicle that qualifies for a specialty license plate under section 468, subsection
36 8; and

37 B. A truck registered under section 504, subsection 1 or section 505.'

38 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
39 or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment maintains the one dollar deposit to the Specialty License Plate Fund as proposed in Committee Amendment "A," but reduces the amount deposited into the Highway Fund by one dollar instead of reducing the amount deposited into the fund for which the license plate has been established.

SPONSORED BY: 

(Senator BRYANT, B.)

COUNTY: Oxford

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LR 3227(06)

An Act To Amend Motor Vehicle Laws

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Bryant, B. of Oxford

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$124,214	\$130,014	\$131,014
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Highway Fund	\$0	(\$124,214)	(\$130,014)	(\$131,014)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$124,214	\$130,014	\$131,014

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment reduces by \$1 the amount of each initial registration and renewal of the various specialty license plates that is deposited into the Highway Fund, and results in a reduction in Highway Fund revenue in fiscal year 2008-09 of \$124,214. It also increases Other Special Revenue Funds by the same amount in fiscal year 2008-09 as a result of depositing the additional \$1 from each initial registration and renewal into the various Other Special Revenue Funds license plate accounts.