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S.P. 620

In Senate, December 21, 2009

An Act To Preserve the "We Support Our Troops" Registration Plate

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 RAYE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative PILON of Saco and
Senators: GOOLEY of Franklin, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, President MITCHELL of
Kennebec, Representatives: CURTIS of Madison, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** current law requires the Secretary of State to retire speciality license
4 plates when the number of sets issued falls below 4,000; and

5 **Whereas,** the number of "We Support Our Troops" plates will fall below that
6 number imminently, and it is important to preserve that speciality license plate; and

7 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
8 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
9 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
10 therefore,

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

12 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §468, sub-§9,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 383, §5, is amended
13 to read:

14 **9. Limit on authorization.** The Except as provided in subsection 9-A, the Secretary
15 of State shall retire and cease to issue any plate authorized after January 1, 2007 upon the
16 occurrence of the earlier of:

- 17 A. When the number of sets of the plate issued falls below 4,000 for more than one
18 year; and
19 B. Ten years after the date of authorization.

20 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §468, sub-§9-A** is enacted to read:

21 **9-A. Exception to limit on authorization.** The Secretary of State shall retire and
22 cease to issue any plate issued pursuant to section 456-D upon the occurrence of the
23 earlier of:

- 24 A. When the number of sets of the plate issued falls below 3,500 for more than one
25 year; and
26 B. Ten years after the date of authorization.

27 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
28 legislation takes effect when approved.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 Under current law, the Secretary of State is required to retire speciality license plates
31 when the number of sets of the plate issued falls below 4,000. This bill enacts an
32 exception for the "We Support Our Troops" registration plate and sets the minimum
33 number for that speciality plate at 3,500.