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An Act To Establish a National Rifle Association License Plate

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative DAVIS of Sangerville and
Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, SAVIELLO of Franklin, TRAHAN of Lincoln,
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, WOOD of Sabattus.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10263** is enacted to read:

3 **§10263. National Rifle Association Special Programs Fund**

4 The National Rifle Association Special Programs Fund, referred to in this section as
5 "the fund," is established within the department as a nonlapsing fund. Revenues from
6 National Rifle Association special registration plate fees credited to the fund pursuant to
7 Title 29-A, section 456-H must be used by the commissioner to fund programs that offer
8 firearm training and firearm safety training and hunter training and hunter safety training.
9 The commissioner may accept and deposit into the fund any monetary gifts, donations or
10 other contributions from public or private sources. Funds deposited in the fund must be
11 used for the purposes specified in this section.

12 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §456-H** is enacted to read:

13 **§456-H. National Rifle Association special registration plates**

14 **1. National Rifle Association special registration plates.** The Secretary of State,
15 upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title
16 36, section 1482, the registration fee required by section 501 and the contribution
17 provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of National
18 Rifle Association special registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration
19 plates. These plates must bear identification numbers and letters.

20 **2. Contribution to special programs.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle
21 registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the initial
22 contribution for National Rifle Association special registration plates is \$20, which must
23 be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

24 A. Ten dollars to the National Rifle Association Special Programs Fund established
25 in Title 12, section 10263;

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

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

28 **3. Design; review; vanity plates.** The Secretary of State, in consultation with the
29 plate sponsor, shall determine a design for the National Rifle Association special
30 registration plates. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
31 over transportation matters shall review the final design prior to manufacture of the
32 plates. The Secretary of State shall issue upon request National Rifle Association special
33 registration plates that are also vanity plates. National Rifle Association special
34 registration plates are issued in accordance with the provisions of this section and section
35 453.

36 **4. Renewal fee.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed
37 by law, the annual renewal contribution for National Rifle Association special registration

1 plates is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as
2 follows:

3 A. Ten dollars to the National Rifle Association Special Programs Fund established
4 in Title 12, section 10263:

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 in section 469.

7 **5. Transfer of fees.** On a quarterly basis, the Secretary of State shall transfer the
8 revenue from the issuance and renewal of National Rifle Association special registration
9 plates to the Treasurer of State for deposit and crediting pursuant to subsections 2 and 4.

10 **6. Duplicate plates.** The Secretary of State shall issue a National Rifle Association
11 special registration plate in a 3-number and 3-letter combination sequence. Vanity plates
12 may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another class of plate.

13 **7. Eligibility; trucks.** A National Rifle Association special registration plate may be
14 issued for:

15 A. A vehicle that qualifies for a specialty license plate under section 468, subsection
16 8; and

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

18 **8. Date of first issue.** The Secretary of State shall issue the first National Rifle
19 Association special registration plate no later than October 1, 2012.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill authorizes the issuance of a special registration plate for the National Rifle
22 Association that will fund special programs offered by the National Rifle Association that
23 offer firearm training and firearm safety training and hunter training and hunter safety
24 training.