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An Act To Create The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital Registration Plate

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COLLINS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland and

Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook,

Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, HARRINGTON of Sanford, ORDWAY of Standish,
PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, WHITE of Washburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §456-H** is enacted to read:

3 **§456-H. The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital registration plates**

4 **1. The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital registration plates.** The Secretary of
5 State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required
6 by Title 36, section 1482, the annual motor vehicle registration fee required by section
7 501 or 504 and the contribution provided for in subsection 3, shall issue a registration
8 certificate and a set of The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital special registration plates to
9 be used in lieu of regular registration plates.

10 **2. Design; review; vanity plates.** The Secretary of State, in consultation with The
11 Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, shall determine a design for The Barbara Bush
12 Children's Hospital special registration plates. The joint standing committee of the
13 Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters shall review the final design
14 prior to manufacture of the plates. The Secretary of State shall issue upon request The
15 Barbara Bush Children's Hospital special registration plates that are also vanity plates.
16 The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital special registration plates are issued in accordance
17 with the provisions of this section and section 453.

18 **3. Contribution; credit to funds.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle
19 registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the initial
20 contribution for The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital special registration plates is \$20,
21 which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

22 A. Ten dollars to The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital to support ongoing pediatric
23 programs;

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

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

26 **4. Renewal fee.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed
27 by law, the annual renewal contribution for The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital special
28 registration plates is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and
29 credited as follows:

30 A. Ten dollars to The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital to support ongoing pediatric
31 programs;

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

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

34 **5. Payment for costs associated with the production and issuance of the first**
35 **2,000 plates.** The sponsor of The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital special registration
36 plates shall provide \$50,000 to the Secretary of State for costs associated with the
37 production and issuance of The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital registration plates. The
38 Secretary of State shall deposit these funds in the Specialty License Plate Fund
39 established under section 469. In accordance with section 468, subsection 3-A, the

1 Secretary of State shall provide 2,000 credit receipts to the sponsor to provide to each
2 supporter who contributed \$25. A credit receipt may be used only to obtain one set of
3 special registration plates.

4 **6. Transfer of fees.** On a quarterly basis, the Secretary of State shall transfer the
5 revenue from the issuance and renewal of The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital special
6 registration plates to the Treasurer of State for deposit and crediting pursuant to
7 subsections 3 and 4.

8 **7. Duplicate plates prohibited.** The Secretary of State shall issue The Barbara
9 Bush Children's Hospital special registration plate in a unique 3-number and 3-letter
10 combination sequence. Vanity plates may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another
11 class of plate.

12 **8. Weight limit.** The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital special registration plates
13 may be issued for a motor vehicle that does not exceed 26,000 pounds. A motor vehicle
14 that exceeds 6,000 pounds is subject to the fees in section 504.

15 **9. Date of first issue.** The Secretary of State shall issue the first The Barbara Bush
16 Children's Hospital special registration plate by October 1, 2018.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill creates a new specialty registration plate that will generate funds to support
19 The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center, the only full-service
20 children's hospital in the State.