

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 14, 2019

### An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Numbers

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield.  
Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and  
Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HALL of Wilton,  
SKOLFIELD of Weld, STROM of Pittsfield, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of  
Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §461, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 470, §4, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Plate issue year.** In a year in which new registration plates are issued, the  
5 Secretary of State shall reserve until July 1st the same registration number for the  
6 succeeding registration year for a person who notifies in writing the Secretary of State  
7 prior to May 1st of that person's desire to retain that registration number. The fee for  
8 retention of the same registration number is \$15, except that this fee does not apply for  
9 the retention of the registration number of a special veterans registration plate or a special  
10 disability registration plate for veterans under section 523, subsection 3.

11 The Secretary of State may issue a facsimile plate that is valid for a 90-day period during  
12 production of a reserved plate. A facsimile plate must be attached to the rear plate  
13 bracket.

14 If a person does not have a vehicle to register on May 1st, a registration number may be  
15 held for a maximum of 2 registration years by depositing with the Secretary of State \$15  
16 for each year; except that the registered owner of an antique vehicle may reserve the  
17 antique registration assigned to that person for 4 years by depositing the sum of \$15 for  
18 each registration year. These fees are not refundable and may not be applied against the  
19 registration fee.

20 All numbers other than those reserved must be released and issued in rotation after July  
21 1st.

22 A person wishing to select a number out of rotation may do so by paying the registration  
23 fee and a reserved number fee of \$15.

24 A holder of vanity registration plates must pay the sum of \$15 to reserve those letters or  
25 combination of letters and numbers, which is credited toward the renewal fee.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill provides that the \$15 fee imposed to retain a motor vehicle registration  
28 number in a year in which new registration plates are issued does not apply for the  
29 retention of the registration number of a special veterans registration plate or a special  
30 disability registration plate for veterans.