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House of Representatives, April 4, 2019

**An Act To Exempt Holders of Gold Star Family Registration Plates
from Vehicle Registration Fees**

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 FECTEAU of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and
Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DRINKWATER of Milford, FAULKINGHAM of
Winter Harbor, FOSTER of Dexter, HANINGTON of Lincoln, STROM of Pittsfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §501**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 206, §4 and c. 267, Pt.
3 BBBB, §1, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

4 A person possessing or applying for a registration certificate and a set of gold star
5 family registration plates pursuant to section 524-B is exempt from registration fees under
6 this section for the motor vehicle registered or to be registered.

7 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §524-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 17, §1 and
8 affected by §3, is further amended to read:

9 **1. Eligibility.** Notwithstanding the requirements in section 468-A, the Secretary of
10 State, upon application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title
11 36, section 1482 ~~and the annual motor vehicle registration fee required by section 501,~~
12 shall issue a registration certificate and a set of gold star family registration plates, to be
13 used in lieu of regular registration plates, to:

14 A. A person who is eligible to receive a gold star lapel button under 10 United States
15 Code, Section 1126 (2010);

16 B. A grandparent of a member of the United States Armed Forces, if that member
17 dies after March 28, 1973 as a result of:

18 (1) An international terrorist attack against the United States or a foreign nation
19 friendly to the United States, recognized as such an attack by the United States
20 Secretary of Defense; or

21 (2) Military operations while serving outside the United States, including the
22 commonwealths, territories and possessions of the United States, as a part of a
23 peacekeeping force;

24 C. A person who is not eligible to receive a gold star lapel button under 10 United
25 States Code, Section 1126 (2010) but who is eligible for a lapel button for next of kin
26 of deceased personnel under 32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 578.63 (2006);
27 and

28 D. A grandparent of a member of the United States Armed Forces, if that member
29 dies while serving on active duty or while assigned in the reserve components of the
30 United States Armed Forces or Army National Guard unit in a drill status.

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill exempts a person possessing or applying for a registration certificate and a
33 set of gold star family registration plates from the annual motor vehicle registration fee.