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An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 28, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.

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

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

3 **§456-I. Maine Lighthouse Trust registration plates**

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

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

17 **3. Contribution; credit to funds.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration
18 fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the initial contribution
19 for Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates is \$20, which must be deposited with
20 the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

21 A. Ten dollars to the Maine Lighthouse Trust to support lighthouse restoration and
22 preservation efforts;

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

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

25 **4. Renewal fee.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by
26 law, the annual renewal contribution for Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates
27 is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

28 A. Ten dollars to the Maine Lighthouse Trust to support lighthouse restoration and
29 preservation efforts;

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

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

32 **5. Payment for costs associated with the production and issuance of the first 2,000**
33 **plates.** The sponsor of the Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates shall provide
34 \$50,000 to the Secretary of State for costs associated with the production and issuance of
35 Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates. The Secretary of State shall deposit
36 these funds in the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469. In
37 accordance with section 468, subsection 3-A, the Secretary of State shall provide 2,000
38 credit receipts to the sponsor.

39 **6. Transfer of fees.** On a quarterly basis, the Secretary of State shall transfer the
40 revenue from the issuance and renewal of Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration
41 plates to the Treasurer of State for deposit and crediting pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.

