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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 176

In Senate, January 31, 2023

**An Act to Allow Repurposed Military Vehicles to Be Registered and  
Operated on Maine Roads**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§20-A** is enacted to read:

3 **20-A. Demilitarized vehicle.** "Demilitarized vehicle" means an automobile that was  
4 built for and used by the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force  
5 or Coast Guard and has been lawfully purchased by a person for civilian use.

6 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §458-C** is enacted to read:

7 **§458-C. Demilitarized vehicles**

8 A demilitarized vehicle may be registered in accordance with the provisions of this  
9 section.

10 **1. Registration fee.** The fee for the demilitarized vehicle registration plate is the motor  
11 vehicle registration fee required by section 501, subsection 1 and the excise tax required  
12 by Title 36, section 1482.

13 **2. Registration plates.** The Secretary of State shall issue a registration certificate and  
14 a set of demilitarized vehicle registration plates in a 3-number and 3-letter combination  
15 sequence to be displayed on the vehicle.

16 **3. Application.** An application for registration of a demilitarized vehicle under this  
17 section must be accompanied by evidence of the transfer of title from the United States  
18 Government to the registrant and an affidavit that the vehicle is garaged or maintained in  
19 the State.

20 **4. Registration.** The registration must indicate that the vehicle is a demilitarized  
21 vehicle.

22 **5. Vanity plates.** The Secretary of State may issue vanity plates for demilitarized  
23 vehicles in accordance with section 453 and may not duplicate vanity plates issued in  
24 another class of plate.

25 **6. Weight limit.** A demilitarized vehicle registration plate may be issued only for a  
26 motor vehicle that does not exceed 10,000 pounds.

27 **7. Inspection.** A demilitarized vehicle is subject to the inspection requirements of  
28 section 1751, except that the Chief of the State Police may provide certain exemptions  
29 pursuant to section 1769.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill allows for repurposed military vehicles to be registered and operated on Maine  
32 roads.