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SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 257,
9 L.D. 424, "An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain
10 Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government"

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Amend the amendment by inserting after Part T the following:

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'PART U

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Sec. U-1. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§4, ¶C, as amended by PL 1997, c. 776, §8, is
14 further amended to read:

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C. On registration plates issued for private use, the word "~~Vacationland~~ Taxationland"
16 must be centered at the bottom, except, when the Secretary of State determines that for
17 other than passenger vehicles, that space may be used for class identifiers.

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Sec. U-2. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§4-A, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 311, §1, is
19 amended to read:

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C. On registration plates issued for private use and trucks, the word "~~Vacationland~~
21 Taxationland" must be centered at the bottom in letters not less than 3/4 inch in height,
22 except, when the Secretary of State determines that for other than passenger vehicles,
23 that space may be used for class codes.

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Sec. U-3. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2015, c. 206, §4, is further
25 amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

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An automobile or sport utility vehicle used for the conveyance of passengers or property is
27 a "combination" vehicle and may be issued a special plate with the word "combination"
28 instead of "~~Vacationland~~ Taxationland." A passenger vehicle used under contract with the
29 State, a municipality or a school district to transport students must be designated as
30 "combination." A vehicle owned or operated by parents or legal guardians is exempt from
31 this subsection.

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Sec. U-4. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 397, §3, is
33 amended to read:

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11. Low-speed vehicles. The Secretary of State may issue a registration for a low-
35 speed vehicle upon application and payment of an annual fee of \$25. The registrant must
36 provide a certificate of title required by section 651, proof of financial responsibility

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required by section 1601 and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482. A low-speed vehicle registered under this section is issued a registration plate with the word "low-speed" instead of "~~Vacationland~~ Taxationland." The Secretary of State may issue a facsimile plate for a 60-day period.

Sec. U-5. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 345, §3, is amended to read:

13. Autocycles. The Secretary of State may issue a registration for an autocycle upon application and payment of an annual fee of \$21. The registrant must provide a certificate of title required by section 651, proof of financial responsibility required by section 1601 and evidence of payment of the excise tax as required by Title 36, section 1482, subsection 1, paragraph C. An autocycle registered under this section is issued a registration plate with the word "autocycle" instead of "~~Vacationland~~ Taxationland." The Secretary of State may issue a facsimile plate for a 60-day period.'

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the designation on vehicle registration plates from "Vacationland" to "Taxationland."

SPONSORED BY: Eric L. Brakey
(Senator BRAKEY, E.)

COUNTY: Androscoggin

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 424

LR 1170(10)

**An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law
Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government**

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-13)

Sponsor: Sen. Brakey of Androscoggin

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

If the intent is to change all license plates immediately, the cost could be significant. However, if the intent is to phase in the change over time, the cost may not be significant. No cost estimate is made at this time.