

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 365

House of Representatives, February 9, 2023

### An Act Regarding County Sheriff Vehicle Registration Plates

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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 COSTAIN of Plymouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, MORRIS of Turner, QUINT of  
Hodgdon, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §517, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 428, §1, is amended  
3 to read:

4 **7. County sheriff vehicles.** A vehicle owned by a county and used by a full-time law  
5 enforcement department may be issued special registration plates at the request of the chief  
6 law enforcement official of the county. The chief law enforcement official of the county,  
7 in consultation with the Secretary of State, ~~in consultation with the Maine Sheriffs'~~  
8 ~~Association,~~ shall design county law enforcement registration plates. A county sheriff  
9 requesting special plates shall reimburse the Highway Fund the cost associated with the  
10 production and issuance of the plates.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill charges the chief law enforcement official of a county with the duty to design  
13 county law enforcement registration plates in consultation with the Secretary of State. It  
14 removes the duty of the Secretary of State to design county law enforcement registration  
15 plates and the duty to consult with the Maine Sheriffs' Association. This bill requires that  
16 the county sheriff reimburse the Highway Fund the cost associated with the production and  
17 issuance of the plates.