

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC LAWS
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Whereas, displaying a United States flag is a means of showing support for armed services personnel and their families; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §252-H is enacted to read:

§252-H. United States flag plates

The Secretary of State is authorized to design and issue a special plate depicting the United States flag. A person may display the United States flag plate on a vehicle registered up to 9,000 pounds or on a motor home by covering, but not removing, the normal front registration plate. The Secretary of State shall charge a fee of \$5 for each United States flag plate issued. Municipal agents appointed pursuant to section 52-A may charge \$1 in addition to the fee required by this section for each United States flag plate issued, the service charge to be retained by the municipality. The authorization to display the United States flag plate on a registered vehicle expires March 30, 1992.

A person who displays the United States flag plate in place of the normal registration plate after March 30, 1992 violates section 2183.

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Motor Vehicles

All Other \$67,717

Provides funds for postage, scotchlite, aluminum and other general operating expenses required to manufacture and distribute 25,000 flag plates.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective March 7, 1991.

CHAPTER 8

H.P. 553 - L.D. 790

An Act to Make a Technical Correction in the Enabling Legislation of the St. Croix International Waterway Commission

Emergency preamble. **Whereas**, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the St. Croix International Waterway Commission, composed of members representing Maine and New Brunswick, has been established to coordinate planning, development and management of the St. Croix waterway; and

Whereas, the St. Croix International Waterway Commission has been granted nonprofit corporation status for tax purposes under the laws of New Brunswick and Canada; and

Whereas, the Internal Revenue Service of the United States Department of Commerce refuses to grant nonprofit corporation status to the St. Croix International Waterway Commission unless a technical change is made in the enabling legislation; and

Whereas, nonprofit corporation status under the United States law is essential to the operation and funding of the St. Croix International Waterway Commission; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

38 MRSA §998, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the commission, any net assets must be distributed for charitable purposes within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501 (c)(3).

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective March 7, 1991.

CHAPTER 9

H.P. 192 - L.D. 274

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1991 and to Change Certain Provisions of the Laws