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**CHAPTER 326  
H.P. 921 - L.D. 1327**

**An Act To Expedite Health  
Care Employment for Military  
Veterans**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA c. 29** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 29**

**HEALTH CARE EMPLOYMENT FOR  
MILITARY VETERANS**

**§2131. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Apprentice.** "Apprentice" has the same meaning as in section 3201, subsection 1.

**2. Department.** "Department" means the Department of Labor.

**3. Eligible veteran.** "Eligible veteran" means:

A. A person who currently serves in the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard of any state or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces and who has obtained health care-related military training or experience; or

B. A person who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable and who has completed health care-related military training or experience in the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard of any state or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces.

**4. National certification.** "National certification" means a credential from a national organization or national board that evaluates the qualifications and competency of individuals to practice in a specific occupation and includes but is not limited to a credential issued following passage of an examination administered by the organization or board.

**5. Program.** "Program" means the Health Care Employment for Military Veterans Program established in section 2132.

**§2132. Health Care Employment for Military  
Veterans Program**

**1. Establishment; purpose.** The department shall, using existing resources and available grant funding, establish and implement in accordance with this section the Health Care Employment for Military Veterans Program to assist eligible veterans who desire to obtain employment in civilian health care occupations in the State.

**2. Evaluation of military health care occupational specialties.** The department, in implementing the program, shall create a document, referred to in this subsection as "the military-to-civilian crosswalk," that describes the military training and experience that members of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard of any state or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces are required to complete to engage in various military health care occupational specialties and compares that required military training and experience with the education and training requirements for equivalent or similar civilian health care occupations in this State. The military-to-civilian crosswalk must include information to assist eligible veterans, occupational licensing boards and postsecondary education institutions in the State in determining:

A. The gaps that exist between the military training and experience obtained by individuals who served in specific military health care occupational specialties and the education and experience required to obtain national certification in equivalent or similar civilian health care occupations; and

B. The gaps that exist between the military training and experience obtained by individuals who served in specific military health care occupational specialties and the education and experience required to obtain any required licensure or certification to perform an equivalent or similar civilian health care occupation in this State.

**3. Direct assistance to eligible veterans.** The department, in implementing the program, shall provide direct assistance to eligible veterans. The department shall:

A. Assist eligible veterans in compiling comprehensive portfolios of their military training and experience;

B. Collaborate with postsecondary education institutions in the State to assist eligible veterans in receiving academic credit for experience, education and training the eligible veterans obtained during military service; and

C. Advocate for eligible veterans who request assistance in enrolling in postsecondary education programs in the State or in securing employment in a health care occupation in the State.

**4. Coordination with the Maine Apprenticeship Program.** The department shall ensure collaboration between the program and the Maine Apprenticeship Program, established in section 3202, to recruit employers in the State to sponsor eligible veterans to serve as apprentices in health care occupations.

**5. Priority.** If the number of eligible veterans seeking assistance from the program exceeds the ca-

capacity of the program, the program shall give priority to eligible veterans who were discharged or released from military service no longer than 2 years prior to seeking assistance.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 327

### H.P. 1172 - L.D. 1692

#### An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §456, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. A, §2 and affected by §18, is further amended to read:

**1. University of Maine System plate.** The Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the registration fee required by section 501 or section 504 and the administrative fee and voluntary contribution provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of University of Maine System registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates. These plates must bear identification numbers and letters.

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §456-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 435, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. Lobster plates.** The Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the annual motor vehicle registration fee required by section 501 or section 504 and the contribution provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of lobster special registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates. These plates must bear identification numbers and letters. The Secretary of State may issue lobster plates to certain state-owned vehicles in accordance with section 517.

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §456-A, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 473, §§5 and 6, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §456-B, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 623, §4, is amended to read:

**1. Maine Black Bears plates.** The Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the annual motor vehicle registration fee required by section 501 or section 504 and the contribution provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of Maine Black Bears special registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registra-

tion plates. These plates must bear identification numbers and letters.

**Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §456-B, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 383, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §456-C, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 496, §4, is further amended to read:

**1. Sportsman registration plates.** The Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the registration fee required by section 501 or section 504 and the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of sportsman plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates. These plates must bear identification numbers and letters. Vanity plates may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another class of plate. The Secretary of State shall begin issuing sportsman registration plates by April 1, 2008. Sportsman vanity plates are issued in accordance with this section and section 453.

**Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §456-D, sub-§1**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 703, §7, is amended to read:

**1. We Support Our Troops plates.** The Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the registration fee required by section 501 or section 504 and the administrative fee and contribution provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of We Support Our Troops plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates. These plates must bear identification numbers and letters.

**Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §456-D, sub-§6**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 703, §7, is repealed.

**Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §456-E, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 547, §2, is amended to read:

**1. Breast cancer support services plates.** The Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the annual motor vehicle registration fee required by section 501 or section 504 and the contribution provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of breast cancer support services special registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates. These plates must bear identification numbers and letters.

**Sec. 10. 29-A MRSA §456-E, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 547, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 11. 29-A MRSA §456-G, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 73, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Support Animal Welfare plates.** The Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evi-