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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Motorcycle plates; veterans. In addition to any plate issued pursuant to subsection 3, the Secretary of State, on application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the registration fee required by section 515, subsection 1 and a one-time additional fee of \$5, shall issue a registration certificate and a special veterans registration plate for one designated motorcycle owned or controlled by a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably discharged.

Each application must be accompanied by the applicant's Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, or certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge.

All surplus revenue collected for issuance of the special veterans registration plates is retained by the Secretary of State to maintain and support this program.

Upon request the Secretary of State shall issue special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle that are also vanity plates. These plates are issued in accordance with this section and section 453. Vanity plates issued under this subsection may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another class of plate.

The surviving spouse of a recipient of a special veterans registration plate issued in accordance with this subsection may retain and display the plate as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the plate on a motorcycle, but may retain it as a keepsake. Upon the death of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the plate, but may not use it on a motorcycle.

The Secretary of State may not issue special commemorative decals under subsection 5 or 6 for use on special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Allocates funds on a one-time basis for the costs of manufacturing and distributing of a special veterans motorcycle registration plate.

HIGHWAY FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$11,779	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$11,779	\$0

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SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that an applicant for a special veterans registration plate for a motorcycle must show evidence of payment of the registration fee. It also provides for a one-time \$5 fee for the issuance of special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle; allows for the issuance of special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle that are also vanity plates; and provides that commemorative decals are not authorized on special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)