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**An Act to Increase the Limit on Sets of Special Veterans  
Registration Plates from 3 Sets to 4 Sets**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 43, §2 and PL 2019,  
3 c. 377, §6, is further amended to read:

4 **3. Special veterans registration plates.** The Secretary of State, on application and  
5 evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482 and the registration  
6 fee required by section 501 or by section 504, subsection 1 for a vehicle with a registered  
7 gross weight over 10,000 pounds, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of special  
8 veterans registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates for a vehicle with  
9 a registered gross weight of not more than 26,000 pounds to any person who has served in  
10 the United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably discharged or to a person who  
11 has served in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years and continues to serve. If  
12 a person who qualifies for a special veterans registration plate under this subsection is the  
13 primary driver of ~~3~~ 4 vehicles, the Secretary of State may issue in accordance with this  
14 section a set of special veterans registration plates for each vehicle.

15 Each application must be accompanied by the applicant's Armed Forces Report of Transfer  
16 or Discharge, DD Form 214, certification from the United States Veterans Administration  
17 or the appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces verifying the applicant's  
18 military service and honorable discharge, or a letter from the Department of Defense,  
19 Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services verifying  
20 active duty military service and length of service.

21 The Secretary of State shall recall a special veterans registration plate of a recipient who  
22 has been less than honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

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

25 The surviving spouse of a special veteran plate recipient issued plates in accordance with  
26 this subsection may retain and display the special veteran plates as long as the surviving  
27 spouse remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the special  
28 veteran plates on a motor vehicle, but may retain them as a keepsake. Upon the death of  
29 the surviving spouse, the family may retain the special veteran plates, but may not use them  
30 on a motor vehicle.

31 The Secretary of State may issue a special disability registration plate for veterans in  
32 accordance with section 521, subsections 1, 5, 7 and 9. The special disability registration  
33 plate for veterans must bear the International Symbol of Access.

34 The Secretary of State may issue a set of special veterans registration plates when the  
35 qualifying veteran is the primary driver of a company-owned vehicle if:

36 A. The company is owned solely by a veteran who qualifies for a veteran plate under  
37 this section;

38 B. The vehicle is leased by a veteran who qualifies for the veteran plate under this  
39 subsection; or

40 C. The vehicle is leased by the employer of a veteran who qualifies for the veteran  
41 plate and the employer has assigned the vehicle exclusively to the veteran. The  
42 employer must attest in writing that the veteran will have exclusive use of the vehicle  
43 and agrees to the display of the special veteran plate.

