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## **An Act To Permit the Display of the National Emergency Service Medal on Registration Plates of Recipients**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 437, §1, is further amended to read:

**5. Special commemorative decals for medals, badges or ribbons awarded.** The Secretary of State may issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces, was honorably discharged and was awarded a medal, badge or ribbon described in paragraphs A to ZAA when that person's application is accompanied by the appropriate military certification verifying that the medal, badge or ribbon was awarded to the applicant. One set of commemorative decals may be issued for each set of special veterans registration plates issued under this section. One set of 2 commemorative decals must be displayed on the front and back plates. The fee for a set of commemorative decals may not exceed \$5.

Special commemorative decals may be issued to applicants awarded the following medals, badges or ribbons:

- A. Distinguished Service Cross;
- B. Navy Cross;
- C. Air Force Cross;
- D. Silver Star;
- E. Distinguished Flying Cross;
- F. Bronze Star;
- G. Soldier's Medal;
- H. Navy or Marine Corps Medal;
- I. Airman's Medal;
- J. Coast Guard Medal;
- K. Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal;
- L. European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal;
- M. Korean Service Medal;

- N. Vietnam Service Medal;
- O. Southwest Asia Service Medal;
- P. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal;
- Q. Kosovo Service Medal;
- R. Korea Defense Service Medal;
- S. Global War on Terrorism Medal;
- T. Iraq Campaign Medal;
- U. Afghanistan Campaign Medal;
- V. United States Army Combat Infantry Badge;
- W. United States Army Combat Medic Badge;
- X. United States Army Combat Action Badge;
- Y. United States Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon; and
- Z. United States Air Force Combat Action Medal; and
- AA. National Emergency Service Medal.

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 437, §2, is amended to read:

**7. Moratorium on special commemorative decals for medals, badges or ribbons awarded.** During the period beginning October 1, 2009 and ending October 1, 2014, the Secretary of State may not issue any special commemorative decals not authorized by subsection 5, paragraphs A to ZAA or subsection 6, paragraphs A to E for use with special veterans registration plates.

## SUMMARY

This bill allows the Secretary of State to issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces, was honorably discharged and was awarded the National Emergency Service Medal.