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### **An Act To Establish a Renewable Energy License Plate**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery.  
Cosponsored by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, GIDEON of Freeport, HOBBS of Saco,  
KORNFIELD of Bangor, McLEAN of Gorham, MONAGHAN-DERRIG of Cape Elizabeth,  
MOONEN of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §456-H** is enacted to read:

3 **§456-H. Renewable energy registration plates**

4 The Secretary of State shall issue renewable energy registration plates beginning June  
5 1, 2014 in accordance with this section. Renewable energy registration plates are not  
6 required for registration of a motor vehicle but are to allow citizens to participate  
7 voluntarily to fund a program to benefit programs to support renewable energy.

8 **1. Renewable energy registration plate.** The Secretary of State, upon receiving an  
9 application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482,  
10 the registration fee required by section 501 and the administrative fee and voluntary  
11 contribution provided for in subsection 2, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of  
12 renewable energy registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates.  
13 These plates must bear identification numbers and letters.

14 **2. Administrative fee and contribution to special programs.** A person may  
15 contribute to the Renewable Energy Special Programs Fund established by the Treasurer  
16 of State pursuant to subsection 7 by applying for the renewable energy registration plates  
17 and submitting, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, a sum of \$20  
18 credited as follows:

19 A. Nine dollars to the Renewable Energy Special Programs Fund established by the  
20 Treasurer of State in subsection 7;

21 B. Ten dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

22 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

23 **3. Design.** A sponsor must submit a design for the renewable energy registration  
24 plate to the Secretary of State for approval or modification in accordance with section  
25 468, subsection 5. The Secretary of State shall provide the final design to the joint  
26 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters  
27 prior to manufacture of the plates.

28 **4. Duplicate plates prohibited.** The Secretary of State shall issue renewable energy  
29 registration plates in a 3-number and 3-letter combination sequence. Vanity plates may  
30 not duplicate vanity plates issued in another class of plate.

31 **5. Weight limit.** Renewable energy registration plates may be issued for a motor  
32 vehicle that does not exceed 10,000 pounds. A motor vehicle that exceeds 6,000 pounds  
33 is subject to the fees in section 504.

34 **6. Renewal fee.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed  
35 by law, the annual renewal contribution for renewable energy registration plates is \$15,  
36 which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

37 A. Nine dollars to the Renewable Energy Special Programs Fund established by the  
38 Treasurer of State in subsection 7;

