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House of Representatives, February 14, 2019

An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Numbers

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield.
Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and
Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, HALL of Wilton,
SKOLFIELD of Weld, STROM of Pittsfield, Senators: BLACK of Franklin, CYRWAY of
Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §461, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 470, §4, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Plate issue year.** In a year in which new registration plates are issued, the
5 Secretary of State shall reserve until July 1st the same registration number for the
6 succeeding registration year for a person who notifies in writing the Secretary of State
7 prior to May 1st of that person's desire to retain that registration number. The fee for
8 retention of the same registration number is \$15, except that this fee does not apply for
9 the retention of the registration number of a special veterans registration plate or a special
10 disability registration plate for veterans under section 523, subsection 3.

11 The Secretary of State may issue a facsimile plate that is valid for a 90-day period during
12 production of a reserved plate. A facsimile plate must be attached to the rear plate
13 bracket.

14 If a person does not have a vehicle to register on May 1st, a registration number may be
15 held for a maximum of 2 registration years by depositing with the Secretary of State \$15
16 for each year; except that the registered owner of an antique vehicle may reserve the
17 antique registration assigned to that person for 4 years by depositing the sum of \$15 for
18 each registration year. These fees are not refundable and may not be applied against the
19 registration fee.

20 All numbers other than those reserved must be released and issued in rotation after July
21 1st.

22 A person wishing to select a number out of rotation may do so by paying the registration
23 fee and a reserved number fee of \$15.

24 A holder of vanity registration plates must pay the sum of \$15 to reserve those letters or
25 combination of letters and numbers, which is credited toward the renewal fee.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill provides that the \$15 fee imposed to retain a motor vehicle registration
28 number in a year in which new registration plates are issued does not apply for the
29 retention of the registration number of a special veterans registration plate or a special
30 disability registration plate for veterans.