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An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2019. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade and

Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, MOORE of Washington,
VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden,
FARNSWORTH of Portland, MATLACK of St. George.

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

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

3 **§456-I. Maine Lighthouse Trust registration plates**

4 **1. Maine Lighthouse Trust registration plates.** The Secretary of State, upon
5 receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36,
6 section 1482, the annual motor vehicle registration fee required by section 501 or 504 and
7 the contribution provided for in subsection 3, shall issue a registration certificate and a set
8 of Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates to be used in lieu of regular
9 registration plates.

10 **2. Design; review; vanity plates.** The Secretary of State, in consultation with the
11 Maine Lighthouse Trust, shall determine a design for the Maine Lighthouse Trust special
12 registration plates. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
13 over transportation matters shall review the final design prior to manufacture of the
14 plates. The Secretary of State shall issue upon request Maine Lighthouse Trust special
15 registration plates that are also vanity plates. Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration
16 plates are issued in accordance with the provisions of this section and section 453.

17 **3. Contribution; credit to funds.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle
18 registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the initial
19 contribution for Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates is \$20, which must be
20 deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

21 A. Ten dollars to the Maine Lighthouse Trust to support lighthouse restoration and
22 preservation efforts;

23 B. Nine dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

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

25 **4. Renewal fee.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed
26 by law, the annual renewal contribution for Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration
27 plates is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as
28 follows:

29 A. Ten dollars to the Maine Lighthouse Trust to support lighthouse restoration and
30 preservation efforts;

31 B. Four dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

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

33 **5. Payment for costs associated with the production and issuance of the first**
34 **2,000 plates.** The sponsor of the Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates shall
35 provide \$50,000 to the Secretary of State for costs associated with the production and
36 issuance of Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates. The Secretary of State
37 shall deposit these funds in the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section
38 469. In accordance with section 468, subsection 3-A, the Secretary of State shall provide
39 2,000 credit receipts to the sponsor.

