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**STATE OF MAINE
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131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1262, L.D. 1965, “An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates”

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 4-A by striking out all of paragraph D (page 1, lines 26 to 32 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

D. A new registration plate must have a buff neutral shaded background that does not interfere with any identifying characteristics on the plate, a distinct border and:

(1) Blue identification numbers and letters, a representation of an eastern white pine tree and a blue star representing the North Star on the side of the plate; or

(2) Blue identification numbers and letters with no other features.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. Report on new registration plates. The Secretary of State shall evaluate how frequently new registration plates should be issued. By January 15, 2024, the Secretary of State shall report findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides allocations for contracted technology and programming costs, plate materials, production and manufacturing costs and mailing costs to issue a new general issue of license plates.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,754,411	\$4,616,731
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,754,411</u>	<u>\$4,616,731</u>

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the requirement that the general issuance plate replicate the state flag from 1901 to 1909. Instead, it provides that the plate may have one of 2 designs. The amendment requires the Secretary of State to evaluate how frequently new registration plates are issued and submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The committee is authorized to report out a bill related to the report. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)