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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 511, L.D. 1618, “Resolve, To Place a Temporary Moratorium on the Approval of Any New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates and Initiate a Registration Plate Working Group”

Amend the resolve in the 2nd paragraph after the title in the 2nd line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "manufacture" and inserting the following: 'manufacturing'

Amend the resolve in the 5th paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "could" and inserting the following: 'may'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the emergency preamble and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Temporary moratorium. Resolved: That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, sections 468 and 468-A, may not approve any specialty or recognition plate sponsor to begin the specialty or recognition plate signature gathering process, bring forth enabling legislation or otherwise initiate any new designs, redesigns or additional registration plates other than already approved and enacted for a period of 2 years from the effective date of this resolve.

Sec. 2. Registration plate working group. Resolved: That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall convene a working group, referred to in this section as "the working group," to study the proliferation of registration plates in accordance with this section.

1. Membership. Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the working group consists of 10 members as follows:

A. One member appointed by the President of the Senate from the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation;

B. One member appointed by the President of the Senate representing a state agency that is a recipient of funds generated by the sale of specialty license plates;

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1 C. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the
2 Joint Standing Committee on Transportation;

3 D. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives representing
4 a municipality or other political subdivision of the State engaged in the registration of
5 motor vehicles on behalf of the State; and

6 E. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives who is
7 responsible for overseeing the manufacture of registration plates in the State Prison
8 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 451, subsection 6;

9 F. The Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee; and

10 G. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee and the following representatives
11 from the Department of the Secretary of State:

12 (1) The Deputy Secretary of State for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or the deputy's
13 designee;

14 (2) One member appointed by the Secretary of State from the Bureau of Motor
15 Vehicles technology and information services staff; and

16 (3) One member appointed by the Secretary of State from the Bureau of Motor
17 Vehicles who is responsible for oversight of motor vehicle registrations.

18 The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall seek
19 recommendations from the cochairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
20 when making appointments under this subsection.

21 **2. Compensation.** Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, members of the working group
22 may not be compensated for their work on the working group, but legislative members may
23 receive the legislative per diem.

24 **3. Duties.** Duties of the working group include:

25 A. Identifying and documenting the roles and functions of the State's registration
26 plates;

27 B. Exploring and documenting challenges in the registration plate manufacturing
28 process;

29 C. Exploring the challenges of storing and securing registration plate inventories in
30 municipalities and other political subdivisions of the State and in branch offices of the
31 Bureau of Motor Vehicles;

32 D. Examining the benefits, detriments and legal issues arising from specialty
33 registration plates;

34 E. Examining competing interests with specialty registration plates;

35 F. Examining standards and systems developed by national and industry experts and
36 exploring ways in which the State can adopt such standards and systems; and

37 G. Making recommendations based on the findings of the working group.

38 **4. Staff assistance.** Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Department of the Secretary
39 of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall provide necessary staffing services to the working
40 group. Legislative Council staff support is not authorized.

