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H.P. 368

House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

### An Act To Assist Maine Veterans and Service Members

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DAVITT of Hampden.  
Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and  
Representatives: COREY of Windham, FOWLE of Vassalboro, LAJOIE of Lewiston, Senator:  
GERZOFSKY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1313** is enacted to read:

3 **§1313. Veterans Count Maine Donation Fund voluntary checkoff**

4 **1. Veterans Count Maine Donation Fund designation.** When applying for or  
5 renewing a license under this subchapter, a person may designate that a \$2 donation be  
6 paid into the Veterans Count Maine Donation Fund established in section 1413. A person  
7 who designates a \$2 donation under this subsection shall include with the person's license  
8 application or renewal fee sufficient funds to make the contribution. Each license  
9 application form under section 1301, subsection 1 and license renewal form must contain  
10 a designation in substantially the following form: "Veterans Count Maine Donation Fund:  
11 ( ) \$2 or ( ) Other \$...."

12 **2. Contributions credited to Veterans Count Maine Donation Fund.** The  
13 Secretary of State shall determine annually the total amount contributed pursuant to  
14 subsection 1. Prior to the beginning of the next year, the Secretary of State shall deduct  
15 the cost of administering the Veterans Count Maine Donation Fund checkoff and report  
16 the remainder to the Treasurer of State, who shall forward that amount to the Veterans  
17 Count Maine Donation Fund established in section 1413.

18 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1413** is enacted to read:

19 **§1413. Veterans Count Maine Donation Fund**

20 The Veterans Count Maine Donation Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is  
21 established as an interest-bearing account administered for the purpose of raising  
22 awareness and funds for Maine veterans in need. Any private or public funds  
23 appropriated, allocated, dedicated or donated to the fund, including from the Veterans  
24 Count Maine Donation Fund checkoff under section 1313, must be deposited into the  
25 fund as well as income from any other source directed to the fund. All interest earned by  
26 the fund becomes part of the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of the  
27 fiscal year does not lapse but is carried forward into subsequent fiscal years. All money  
28 received into the fund must be used for the purposes of the fund except that balances in  
29 the fund may be used for the necessary expenses in the administration of the fund.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill establishes the Veterans Count Maine Donation Fund and allows for a  
32 person to designate a donation to be paid into the fund when applying for or renewing a  
33 driver's license.