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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 455, L.D. 625, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to Loaner Registration Plates"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 2 to 9 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §459, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

§459. Manufacturers, dealers, transporters, body shops, transmission shops and garages; special plates

1. Special plates. The Secretary of State may select and issue special distinguishing letters, marks or designs for number plates issued to manufacturers, dealers and holders of transporter registration certificates and owners of body shops, transmission shops or garages.

2. Special vanity plates. A new car dealer or an owner of a body shop, transmission shop or garage may apply for special vanity registration plates that may bear letters or combinations of letters and numbers that are approved by the Secretary of State or a designee. A plate may not be duplicated by other licensed vehicle dealers, body shops, transmission shops or garages. These special vanity plates may not be used to supplement existing registration numbers assigned.

The Secretary of State shall charge an additional \$30 fee per plate issued pursuant to this subsection.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1003, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

7. Special vanity registration plates. A new car dealer or an owner of a body shop, transmission shop or garage holding special initial vanity registration plates issued pursuant to section 457 459 may apply for special vanity loaner plates bearing the same combination of letters and numbers as appears on the initial special vanity registration plates. Special vanity loaner plates may not be used to supplement existing loaner

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1 registration numbers assigned. The Secretary of State shall charge an additional \$30 fee
2 per special vanity loaner registration plate.'

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment strikes the bill and authorizes the Secretary of State to select and
5 issue special distinguishing letters, marks or designs for number plates issued to owners
6 of body shops, transmission shops and garages. The amendment also provides that a used
7 car dealer or an owner of a body shop, transmission shop or garage may apply for special
8 vanity registration plates that may bear letters or combinations of letters and numbers that
9 are approved by the Secretary of State. The amendment allows a used car dealer or an
10 owner of a body shop, transmission shop or garage to apply for special vanity loaner
11 plates bearing the same combination of letters and numbers as appears on the special
12 vanity registration plates.

13 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

14 **(See attached)**