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An Act To Eliminate Registration Plate Decals

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
3 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4 **3. Registration plates.** ~~The Secretary of State shall issue new registration plates or a~~
5 ~~suitable device in lieu of new registration plates each calendar year. The plate or device~~
6 ~~must clearly indicate the year or period for which it is issued. The Secretary of State may~~
7 ~~issue permanent registration plates designed to provide for renewal by changing the~~
8 ~~expiration date without issuing new registration plates. A device attached to the~~
9 ~~appropriate vehicle or registration plate is proper registration for the period specified.~~

10 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §503, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
11 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

12 Fees for certain replacement plates, ~~registration validation devices~~ and new
13 registration plates are as follows.

14 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §503, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 67, §4, is further
15 amended to read:

16 **1. Replacements.** Replacement registration plates are furnished to replace lost or
17 mutilated plates or plates assigned to the registrant that have not been expired for more
18 than 8 months. The fee for each plate is \$5.

19 ~~Replacement registration validation devices for number plates are furnished for 50¢ each.~~

20 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2104, sub-§1-B**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 176, §5, is
21 repealed.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of State must issue annual
24 registration plates or decals.

25 It repeals language setting the price for replacement decals for plates at 50¢ each.

26 It repeals a provision that makes it a Class E crime to attach or display on a vehicle
27 registration plate a decal issued for another vehicle.