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An Act To Establish a License Plate in Support of Multiple Sclerosis Programs

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §456-I** is enacted to read:

3 **§456-I. Support multiple sclerosis programs registration plates**

4 Notwithstanding section 468, the Secretary of State shall issue support multiple
5 sclerosis programs special registration plates in accordance with this section.

6 **1. Support multiple sclerosis programs registration plates.** The Secretary of State,
7 upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title
8 36, section 1482, the annual motor vehicle registration fee required by section 501 or 504
9 and the contribution provided for in subsection 3, shall issue a registration certificate and a
10 set of support multiple sclerosis programs special registration plates to be used in lieu of
11 regular registration plates.

12 **2. Design; review; vanity plates.** The Secretary of State, in consultation with the
13 plate sponsor, shall determine a design for the support multiple sclerosis programs special
14 registration plates. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
15 transportation matters shall review the final design prior to manufacture of the plates. The
16 Secretary of State shall issue upon request support multiple sclerosis programs special
17 registration plates that are also vanity plates. Support multiple sclerosis programs special
18 registration plates are issued in accordance with the provisions of this section and section
19 453.

20 **3. Contribution; credit to funds.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration
21 fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the initial contribution
22 for support multiple sclerosis programs special registration plates is \$20, which must be
23 deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

24 A. Ten dollars to the regional chapter of a nationwide multiple sclerosis society to
25 support multiple sclerosis programs;

26 B. Nine dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

27 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

28 **4. Renewal fee.** In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by
29 law, the annual renewal contribution for support multiple sclerosis programs special
30 registration plates is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited
31 as follows:

32 A. Ten dollars to the regional chapter of a nationwide multiple sclerosis society to
33 support multiple sclerosis programs;

34 B. Four dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

35 C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

36 **5. Payment for costs associated with the production and issuance of the first 2,000**
37 **plates.** The sponsor of the support multiple sclerosis programs special registration plates
38 shall provide \$50,000 to the Secretary of State for costs associated with the production and
39 issuance of support multiple sclerosis programs special registration plates. The Secretary
40 of State shall deposit these funds in the Specialty License Plate Fund established under
41 section 469. In accordance with section 468, subsection 3-A, the Secretary of State shall
42 provide 2,000 credit receipts to the sponsor.

