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An Act To Add Combat Action Badges and Ribbons to the Special Commemorative Decals for Veterans License Plates

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2005, c. 683, Pt. A, §§47 and 48, is further amended to read:

5. Special commemorative decals for medals awarded. The Secretary of State may issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces, was honorably discharged and was awarded a medal described in paragraphs A to Q when that person's application is accompanied by the appropriate military certification verifying that the medal was awarded to the applicant. One set of commemorative decals may be issued for each set of special veterans registration plates issued under this section. One set of 2 commemorative decals must be displayed on the front and back plates. The fee for a set of commemorative decals may not exceed \$5.

Special commemorative decals may be issued to applicants awarded the following medals:

- A. Distinguished Service Cross;
- B. Navy Cross;
- C. Air Force Cross;
- D. Silver Star;
- E. Distinguished Flying Cross;
- F. Bronze Star;
- G. Soldier's Medal;
- H. Navy or Marine Corps Medal;
- I. Airman's Medal;
- J. Coast Guard Medal;
- K. Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal;
- L. European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal;
- M. Korean Service Medal;

- N. Vietnam Service Medal;
- O. Southwest Asia Service Medal;
- P. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal;
- Q. Kosovo Service Medal;
- R. Korea Defense Service Medal;
- S. Global War on Terrorism Medal;
- T. Iraq Campaign Medal; and
- U. Afghanistan Campaign Medal;
- V. United States Army Combat Infantry Badge;
- W. United States Army Combat Medic Badge;
- X. United States Army Combat Action Badge;
- Y. United States Navy Combat Action Ribbon;
- Z. United States Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon; and
- AA. United States Air Force Combat Action Medal.

Sec. 2. Report. The Secretary of State shall review the data and report on the numbers of commemorative decals listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 523, subsection 5 issued for the years 2007 and 2008 with a recommendation of a minimum usage threshold that would result in removal of a specific decal from the available list. The report must also include the cost of acquiring and distributing the decals as well as the revenue received from the issuance of the decals. The Secretary of State shall submit the report and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January 1, 2010. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit a bill on the results of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

SUMMARY

This bill adds 6 commemorative decals to the list of decals issued for veterans license plates and also requires the Secretary of State to review the 2007 and 2008 data for the number of decals issued for those years, as well as the cost of acquiring and distributing the decals along with the revenue received. The Secretary of State is to report with recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which is authorized to submit a bill on the findings.