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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, badges or ribbons 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, badge or ribbon described in paragraphs A to QZ when that person's application is accompanied by the appropriate military certification verifying that the medal, badge or ribbon 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, badges or ribbons:

- 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, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon; and
- Z. United States Air Force Combat Action Medal.

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

**7. Moratorium on special commemorative decals for medals, badges or ribbons awarded.** During the period beginning October 1, 2009 and ending October 1, 2014, the Secretary of State may not issue any special commemorative decals not authorized by subsection 5, paragraphs A to Z or subsection 6, paragraphs A to E for use with special veterans registration plates.

**Sec. 3. 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 February 28, 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.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

PUBLIC Law, Chapter 437 LD 1175, item 1, 124th Maine State Legislature  
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Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase materials for decals issued for veterans license plates.

| <b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>       | <b>2009-10</b> | <b>2010-11</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| All Other                 | \$5,652        | \$0            |
| <b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b> | <hr/> \$5,652  | \$0            |

Effective September 12, 2009