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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-613)  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1819, L.D. 1804. Bill,  
7 "AN ACT to Require the Towing of Unauthorized Vehicles from  
8 Parking Areas Designated for Handicapped Persons' Vehicles."

9 Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the  
10 enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

11 ' 30 MRSA §2151, sub-§2, ¶K is enacted to read:

12 K. Providing for the establishment and policing of  
13 parking spaces designated for handicapped persons. A  
14 municipality with off-street public parking areas may  
15 set aside an adequate number of these spaces for use by  
16 handicapped persons. A municipality with on-street  
17 public parking spaces may set aside an adequate number  
18 of these spaces in appropriate locations for use by  
19 handicapped persons. There shall be adjacent to and  
20 visible from each handicapped parking space a posted  
21 sign consisting of a profile view of a wheelchair with  
22 occupant in white on a blue background and bearing the  
23 following warning: "Handicapped Parking: Special  
24 Plate Required. Unauthorized vehicles are subject to  
25 a fine." Any vehicle parked in a parking space desig-  
26 ned by a municipality as a handicapped parking space  
27 that does not bear a special registration plate or  
28 placard issued under Title 29, section 252, or a simi-  
29 lar plate issued by another state, shall be cited for a  
30 penalty not to exceed \$25 unless otherwise established  
31 by local ordinance.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

33 This amendment allows, rather than requires, municipal-  
34 ities to provide for adequate parking spaces in off-street  
35 public parking areas and on-street public parking sections  
36 for vehicles of handicapped persons only. Application of  
37 this bill eliminates requirements for owners of private

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2 off-street parking areas from the bill. Municipalities will  
3 identify spaces designated for handicapped parking by post-  
4 ing a uniform sign. Unauthorized vehicles occupying desig-  
5 nated spaces for the handicapped in municipal parking areas  
6 will be cited for a fine. Penalty amounts are determined  
7 either by local ordinance or by imposing a fine not to  
8 exceed \$25. This amendment eliminates the towing penalty.

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