

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1794

S.P. 696

In Senate, April 24, 2025

An Act to Provide Protection from Unfair Parking Tickets on Lots Accessible to the Public

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

2 Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239 is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 239**

4 **ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING VIOLATIONS ON LOTS ACCESSIBLE TO**
5 **THE PUBLIC**

6 **§1500-Z. Enforcement of parking violations on property accessible by public**

7 A person or entity that administers the collection of money for the privilege of parking
8 a motor vehicle on property accessible by the general public and assesses fees on the owner
9 of a motor vehicle parked in violation of the parking rules on the property is subject to the
10 provisions of this section.

11 **1. Notice of violation.** The person or entity shall provide notice of violation to the
12 owner of a motor vehicle parked on the property in violation of the rules at the time of
13 violation. A parking violation fee may not be assessed if a notice of violation is not
14 provided at the time of the violation.

15 **2. Notice to credit reporting agencies prohibited.** Notwithstanding any provision
16 of law to the contrary, failure by an owner of a motor vehicle to pay fees assessed for a
17 violation of the parking rules for the property may not be reported to a credit reporting
18 agency.

19 **3. Enforcement.** The Attorney General shall enforce this section.

20 **4. Private cause of action.** A person harmed by a violation of this section may bring
21 an action in court against the person or entity in violation of this section, except that a
22 person may not bring such an action without first filing a request for mediation with the
23 Office of the Attorney General.

24 **5. Violation.** A person or entity that violates this section is subject to treble damages
25 and a penalty not to exceed \$5,000 per occurrence.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill requires that a notice of parking violation on property accessible by the general
28 public must be provided at the time of the violation. Under the bill, failure by the owner
29 of a motor vehicle to pay fees assessed for a parking violation on the property may not be
30 reported to a credit reporting agency. The Attorney General is charged with enforcing these
31 provisions, and a person harmed by a violation may bring an action in court against the
32 person or entity in violation as long as the person has first filed a request for mediation with
33 the Office of the Attorney General. A person or entity that violates these provisions is
34 subject to treble damages and a penalty not to exceed \$5,000 per occurrence.