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Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, a representative of work centers, ~~a disabled person and~~ a representative of the business community and persons with disabilities. The total number of members with disabilities on the committee must be a minimum of 5.

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CHAPTER 544

H.P. 1623 - L.D. 2270

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Disability License Plates

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§§2 and 5, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 482, Pt. A, §4, are amended to read:

2. Disability registration plates. Disability registration plates must bear the International Symbol of Access, which must be in a color that contrasts with the background and is the same size as the letters or numbers on the plate. The Secretary of State may issue ~~a set of~~ disability registration plates to the following:

- A. A person with a disability;
- B. A vehicle owner who is a spouse, parent or legal guardian of a person with a disability when the person with a disability is a resident of this State, a member of the relative's or guardian's household and dependent on the vehicle owner as the primary means of transportation; or
- C. An organization or agency in this State that transports persons with disabilities.

5. Application; issuance. An application for a disability plate or placard must be accompanied by the certificate of a physician attesting to that person's physical disability as defined in subsection 1. The Secretary of State shall issue to an eligible applicant ~~one set of disability plates and one windshield placard or one windshield placard and a 2nd placard placards~~ upon request. Proof of a disability must be submitted every 4 years on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, except, when the Secretary of State determines the disability to be permanent, the time may be extended. When the applicant's need for the disability placard terminates or the applicant dies, the plate or placard must be immediately returned to the Secretary of State.

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CHAPTER 545

H.P. 1654 - L.D. 2323

An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Certifying Driving Time Prior to Obtaining a License

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-§1, ¶H, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 737, §5, is amended to read:

H. A person under 21 years of age may not apply for a license unless:

- (1) A period of 3 months has passed from the date the person was issued an instruction permit; and
- (2) The person has completed a minimum of 35 hours of driving, including 5 hours of night driving, while accompanied by a parent, guardian or licensed driver at least 20 years of age. The parent, stepparent or guardian, or a spouse or employer pursuant to section 1302, subsection 1, paragraphs B and C, must certify the person's driving time on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

A person 21 years of age or older is not required to submit certification of driving time to the Secretary of State.

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CHAPTER 546

S.P. 861 - L.D. 2259

An Act to Amend the Maine Banking Code Pertaining to Interlocking Directors

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, current law prohibits directors from serving on the boards of more than one financial institution in order to lessen the possibility of a monopoly or diminished competition resulting from the influence of common directors; and

Whereas, the enactment of universal bank charter legislation in Public Law 1997, chapter 398 created 3 new limited purpose or specialty banks that