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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Parking Facilities for Handicapped Persons.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 252, repealed and replaced. Section 252 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 252. Handicapped persons

On annual application to the Secretary of State, with the payment of \$1, any handicapped person who has registered a motor vehicle shall be issued a special designating tag or placard to be affixed to the sun visor of a motor vehicle registered and operated by such a person. Such tag or placard issued under this section shall include the motor vehicle registration plate number of the vehicle registered in the name of the handicapped person.

A handicapped person is herein defined to mean a person who is permanently confined to a wheelchair or restricted to the permanent use of crutches or braces or otherwise handicapped in such a way that his mobility is seriously restricted.

An application under this section shall be accompanied by the certificate of a physician as to such person's physical disability.

Any person other than a handicapped person issued a tag or placard under this section shall be subject to a \$100 fine for use of the special designating tag or placard. The special designating tag or placard shall be suspended if improper use is permitted.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 2151, sub-§ 2, ¶ D, sub-¶ (2), additional. Paragraph D of subsection 2 of section 2151 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subparagraph (2) to read as follows:

- (2) Any motor vehicle registered and operated by a handicapped person shall be exempt from any parking meter fare when said vehicle properly displays a tag or placard issued in accordance with Title 29, section 252, and shall be permitted to park a length of time which is not to exceed twice the time limit otherwise applicable.
- Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 2151, sub-§ 3, ¶ A, sub-¶ (2), additional. Paragraph A of subsection 3 of section 2151 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subparagraph (2), to read as follows:
 - (2) The municipal officers may by resolution establish specially designated parking areas for motor vehicles operated by handicapped persons.