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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A "to H.P. 40, L.D. 51, Bill,
"AN ACT Establishing Special License Plates for
the Handicapped."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything
after the enacting clause and inserting in place
thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §252, first ¶, as last
amended by PL 1973, c. 788, §127, is further
amended to read:

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 set of special
designating plates to be used in place of the
regular registration plates or placard to be
fixed to the sun visor of a motor vehicle regis-
tered by such a person. Such ~~tag-or~~ placard shall
be so affixed that the information thereon shall
be clearly legible from outside the motor vehicle.
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.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §252, 3rd ¶, as enacted by
PL 1967, c. 218, §1, is amended to read:

An application under this section shall be
accompanied by the certificate of a-physician-as
to-such at least 2 physicians as to that person's
physical disability. Those persons who are found
by their physicians to have permanent handicaps
shall not be required to submit annual certificates
following their initial qualification.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §252, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 218, §1, is amended to read:

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

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §252, as/^{last}amended by PL 1973, c.788, §127, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

These special designating plates shall bear the international symbol, easily recognizable at a distance, which indicates that the vehicle is owned by a handicapped person.

Sec. 5. 30 MRSA §2151, sub-§2, ¶D, sub-¶(2), as enacted by PL 1967, c. 218, §2, is amended to read:

(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 special designating plates 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.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment will establish special license plates for the handicapped. In an era where society is helping the physically handicapped to take an active role, the State should recognize special parking privileges for them.

Filed by Mr. Silverman of Calais.

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