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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 735, L.D. 834, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Motor Vehicle Registrations of Handicapped Persons."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, handicapped persons often are dependent upon motor vehicles owned and registered in the name of their spouse; and

Whereas, the motor vehicle registered in the name of a non-handicapped spouse cannot bear special plates or placards designating that the occupant or user is handicapped; and

Whereas, this creates a greater burden and severe inconvenience for handicapped persons using or riding in their spouses' motor vehicle; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the Bill in section 1 in the 5th line (same in L.D.) by inserting after the word "vehicle" the underlined words 'as the motor vehicle of principal use by the handicapped person'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to clarify the bill to allow spouses of handicapped persons to obtain special license plates designating that the individual is handicapped only if the handicapped individual depends upon the spouse's motor vehicle and does not own a vehicle by himself or herself.

In addition, the bill contains an emergency preamble/in and emergency clause order to alleviate the hardship imposed upon handicapped persons as soon as possible.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation.

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