

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 403**

H. P. 326

House of Representatives, February 7, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Masterton of Cape Elizabeth.

Cosponsors: Ms. Lund of Augusta and Mrs. Nelson of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Identification of Motor Vehicles used to Transport  
Handicapped Persons.**

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

29 MRSA § 252, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 194, § 1, is further amended to read:

On annual application to the Secretary of State, with the payment of \$1, any handicapped person or the spouse, **parents or legal guardian** of a handicapped person who has registered a motor vehicle as the motor vehicle of principal use by the handicapped person shall be issued a 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 registered by such a person. Such placard shall be so affixed that the information thereon shall be clearly legible from outside the motor vehicle. Such placard issued under this section shall include the motor vehicle registration plate number of the vehicle registered in the name of the handicapped person or the spouse, **parents or legal guardian of the handicapped person**. When the Secretary of State deems it appropriate, a placard may be issued to any handicapped person who does not have a duly registered motor vehicle. In such cases the placard may be displayed on any motor vehicle properly registered in this State but it may only be so displayed during the time when the

**handicapped person is a passenger in the vehicle, when the driver of the vehicle is transporting the handicapped person or when the driver is waiting for a service to be rendered to the handicapped person.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows parents and legal guardians of handicapped persons to apply for handicapped plates in situations where a vehicle registered in the name of the parent or legal guardian is the vehicle of principle use by the handicapped person. It also permits the use of the special placard by other persons while transporting handicapped persons.