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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1427

House of Representatives, March 23, 1979 Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered

printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Nelson of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning Driver's Education for the Physically Disabled.

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

29 MRSA § 583, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 696, § 379, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The Secretary of State shall maintain, at all times, at least 3 vehicles which shall be the property of the State which are specially equipped to be operated by physically disabled persons, as defined in section 252. Such a vehicle may be loaned, at no charge, to any public secondary school offering a driver education course which has physically disabled students wishing to take that course or to any public school or state or local agency offering a driver's course for physically disabled persons which has physically disabled persons wishing to take that course. The Secretary of State shall determine the schools or agencies which shall receive such a vehicle in a manner which provides for the most equitable distribution of these vehicles throughout the State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for specially equipped cars for physically disabled persons who wish to take driver's education. The cars would be maintained by the State and would be loaned to schools or government agencies who have physically disabled persons who wish to take driver's education.