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H. P. 1174

House of Representatives, March 23, 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 Mr. Dow of West Gardiner. Cosponsor: Mr. Theriault of Rumford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide Special Free License Plates for the 100% Disabled Veteran.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 252-A is enacted to read:

§ 252-A. Disabled veterans; special free license plates

The Secretary of State on application shall issue, without the payment of any fee, a registration certificate and set of special designating plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates to any 100% disabled veteran when such application is accompanied by certification from the Veterans Administration as to such veteran's physical disability and receipt of 100% service-connected benefits.

These special designating plates shall bear the International Symbol, easily recognizable at a distance, and the letters VET which indicates that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA, § 2151, sub-§ 2, ¶ D, sub-¶ (2), as amended by PL 1975, c. 16, § 5 is further amended to read:

(2) Any motor vehicle registered by a handicapped person shall be exempt from any parking meter fare when said vehicle properly displays special designating plates or placard issued in accordance with Title 29, section sections 252 and 252-A, 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 bill establishes a special free license plate for the 100% disabled veteran. As a token of respect for the sacrifices made by these veterans, the State of Maine should provide free license plates and special parking privileges for them.

The cost of a die to emboss the symbol on the license plate will not exceed \$250.