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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 297, L.D. 327, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend Current Law to Limit Additional Fees Charged to Handicapped Persons for Special Motor Vehicle License Plates that Display Handicapped Symbols."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enactment clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §252, first ¶, first sentence, as amended by PL 1979, c. 74, is further amended to read:

On annual application to the Secretary of State, ~~with the payment of \$17~~, 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.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §252, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 74, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read:

The annual registration fee is as set forth in this subchapter of for the type/vehicle assigned the special designating plates or

placard. A \$1 fee shall be charged in those cases where a placard is issued to a handicapped person who does not have a duly registered motor vehicle.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §252-B is enacted to read:

§252-B. United States Medal of Honor recipients; special license plates

The Secretary of State, on application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, shall issue a registration certificate and set of special designating plates, to be used in lieu of regular registration plates, to any Maine resident who has been awarded the Medal of Honor by the Congress of the United States when the application is accompanied by a copy of the military orders awarding the Medal of Honor.

These special designating plates shall be of a design as determined by the Secretary of State.¹

Statement of Fact

This amendment deletes the extra annual charge for handicapped persons to receive specially designed registration plates. It continues the fee for placards by persons who do not have a registered motor vehicle. This will permit a vehicle not registered to a handicapped person to park in handicapped designated parking when transporting a handicapped person.

The amendment also provides for special automobile registration plates for persons who have been awarded the United States Medal of Honor.

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