

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 327

H. P. 297

House of Representatives, January 20, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Armstrong of Wilton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Amend Current Law to Limit Additional Fees Charged to Handicapped Persons for Special Motor Vehicle License Plates that Display Handicapped Symbols.

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

29 MRSA § 252, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 74, is further amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

The \$1 fee shall only be assessed upon the initial issuance of special plates or a special placard and no additional fee may be assessed for annual registration of that vehicle until new or different plates or placards are issued to that person.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Handicapped persons can purchase, for \$1, specially marked license plates that display the handicapped symbol. This \$1 is in addition to regular fees for license plates. Maine has a policy of keeping the same plates for a number of years and updating these license plates by affixing annual stickers. Handicapped persons are currently being charged the additional \$1 each year, even when only an annual sticker is supplied. The intent of this bill is to limit the \$1 additional charge paid by the handicapped for these special plates to only those years when actual new license plates are supplied. When only stickers are supplied, the \$1 surcharge would not apply.