

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 981

7 S.P. 336

In Senate, March 3, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent down for concurrence
9 and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Dutremble of York.

Cosponsor: Representative Andrews of Portland.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Handicapped Parking.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 30 MRSA §2151, sub-§2, ¶K, as enacted by PL 1981,
22 c. 587, is amended to read:

23 K. Providing for the establishment and policing
24 of parking spaces designated for handicapped per-
25 sons. A municipality with off-street public
26 parking areas may set aside an adequate number of
27 these spaces for use by handicapped persons. A
28 municipality with on-street public parking spaces
29 may set aside an adequate number of these spaces
30 in appropriate locations for use by handicapped
31 persons. There shall be adjacent to and visible
32 from each handicapped parking space a posted sign
33 consisting of a profile view of a wheelchair with
34 occupant in white on a blue background and bear-

1 ing the following warning: "Handicapped Parking:
2 Special Plate Required. Unauthorized vehicles
3 are subject to a fine." Any vehicle parked in a
4 parking space designated by a municipality as a
5 handicapped parking space that does not bear a
6 special registration plate or placard issued
7 under Title 29, section 252, or a similar plate
8 issued by another state, shall be cited for a
9 penalty not to exceed \$25 \$50 unless otherwise
10 established by local ordinance. Owners of pri-
11 vate off-street parking may enter into agreements
12 with local or county law enforcement agencies for
13 the policing of stalls and spaces dedicated for
14 handicapped persons' vehicles, under which agree-
15 ments unauthorized vehicles shall be tagged.

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

17 The purpose of this bill is to increase the pen-
18 alty for parking in handicapped parking spaces from
19 \$25 to \$50.

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