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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 931,
L.D. 1210, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Enforcement of
Handicapped Parking Zones on Turnpikes and the Inter-
state System by State Police."

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Amend the bill by inserting after the title and
before the enacting clause the following:

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'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
lature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, this Act is essential to effective
enforcement of handicapped parking zones designated
at service areas on the Maine Turnpike; and

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Whereas, the busy season for Maine Turnpike traf-
fic is quickly approaching; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
the Constitution of Maine and require the following
legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
therefore, '

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of
section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §2151, sub-§2, ¶K, as amended
by PL 1983, c. 133, is further amended to read:

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K. Providing for the establishment and policing
of parking spaces designated for handicapped per-
sons. A municipality with off-street public
parking areas may set aside an adequate number of

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1 these spaces for use by handicapped persons. A
2 municipality with on-street public parking spaces
3 may set aside an adequate number of these spaces
4 in appropriate locations for use by handicapped
5 persons. The municipality may post any of the
6 signs authorized by this paragraph adjacent to
7 and visible from each handicapped parking space.
8 One sign shall consist of a profile view of a
9 wheelchair with an occupant in white on a blue
10 background with a printed inscription. The
11 inscription shall read: "Handicapped Parking:
12 Special Plate Required. Unauthorized vehicles
13 are subject to a fine." The other signs author-
14 ized under this paragraph and which may be posted
15 in lieu of the first sign shall consist of a pro-
16 file view of a wheelchair with an occupant in
17 white on a blue background which may bear an
18 inscription. Any new sign erected or any sign
19 replaced after the effective date of this para-
20 graph shall conform to the signs authorized by
21 this paragraph. Any existing posted signs that
22 do not conform to the provisions of this para-
23 graph and which were erected prior to the effec-
24 tive date of this paragraph shall be deemed to be
25 valid for enforcement purposes. Any vehicle
26 parked in a parking space designated by a munici-
27 pality as a handicapped parking space that does
28 not bear a special registration plate or placard
29 issued under Title 29, section 252, or a similar
30 plate issued by another state, shall be cited for
31 a penalty not to exceed \$25 unless otherwise
32 established by local ordinance. Owners of pri-
33 vate off-street parking may enter into agreements
34 with local or county law enforcement agencies for
35 the policing of stalls and spaces dedicated for
36 handicapped persons' vehicles, under which agree-
37 ments unauthorized vehicles shall be tagged.
38 Where service facilities are established on the
39 Maine Turnpike and on the interstate highway sys-
40 tem in Maine, the State Police shall enforce this
41 subsection.'

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1 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end
2 before the statement of fact the following:

3 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency
4 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect
5 when approved.'

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 This amendment simply changes the statutory ref-
8 erence in section 2 to reflect enactment of Legis-
9 lative Document 728.

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