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

No. 1099

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7 H.P. 778

House of Representatives, March 21, 1985

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Racine of Biddeford.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Murphy of Kennebunk, Senator
Dutremble of York and Representative Sproul of Augusta.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Handicapped Motor Vehicle
18 Registration Plates or Placards.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §252, first ¶, as amended by PL
23 1981, c. 89, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

24 On annual application to the Secretary of State,
25 any handicapped person or the spouse, parents or le-
26 gal guardian of a handicapped person who has regis-
27 tered a motor vehicle as the motor vehicle of princi-
28 pal use by the handicapped person shall be issued a
29 set of special designating plates to be used in place
30 of the regular registration plates or placard to be
31 fixed to the sun visor of a motor vehicle registered
32 by such a person. Such placard shall be so affixed
33 that the information thereon shall be clearly legible
34 from outside the motor vehicle. Such placard issued
35 under this section shall include the motor vehicle
36 registration plate number of the vehicle registered

1 in the name of the handicapped person or the spouse,
2 parents or legal guardian of the handicapped person,
3 the name of the handicapped person and the date of
4 expiration of the placard. The Secretary of State
5 shall establish by regulation a system of color cod-
6 ing for plates and placards issued pursuant to this
7 section for the purpose of facilitating the determi-
8 nation of validity of plates and placards. When the
9 Secretary of State deems it appropriate, a placard
10 may be issued to any handicapped person who does not
11 have a duly registered motor vehicle. In such cases
12 the placard may be displayed on any motor vehicle
13 properly registered in this State but it may only be
14 so displayed during the time when the handicapped
15 person is a passenger in the vehicle, when the driver
16 of the vehicle is transporting the handicapped person
17 or when the driver is waiting for a service to be
18 rendered to the handicapped person. The annual reg-
19 istration fee is as set forth in this subchapter for
20 the type of vehicle assigned the special designating
21 plates or placard. A \$1 fee shall be charged in those
22 cases where a placard is issued to a handicapped per-
23 son who does not have a duly registered motor vehi-
24 cle.

25 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §252, 3rd ¶, as repealed and re-
26 placed by PL 1975, c. 16, §2, is amended to read:

27 An application under this section shall be accom-
28 panied by the certificate of a physician as to that
29 person's physical disability. ~~These persons who are~~
30 ~~found by their physicians to have permanent handicaps~~
31 ~~shall not be required to submit annual certificates~~
32 ~~following their initial qualification.~~

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to require that certain information be set out on any handicapped placard issued by the Secretary of State. The bill also requires that the Secretary of State color-code plates and placards so that it will be easier to determine their validity.

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