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

No. 1964

6 S.P. 780

In Senate, February 3, 1986

7 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
8 pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

9 Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered
printed.

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

Presented by Senator Tuttle of York.

Cosponsored by Representative Murphy of Berwick, Representative
McHenry of Madawaska and Representative Hale of Sanford.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT Concerning Enforcement of Violations
18 Relating to Handicapped Parking.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 30 MRSA §2151, sub-§2, ¶K, as amended by PL 1983,
23 c. 337, §2, is further amended to read:

24 K. Providing for the establishment and policing
25 of parking spaces designated for handicapped per-
26 sons. A municipality with off-street public
27 parking areas may set aside an adequate number of
28 these spaces for use by handicapped persons. A
29 municipality with on-street public parking spaces
30 may set aside an adequate number of these spaces
31 in appropriate locations for use by handicapped
32 persons. The municipality may post any of the
33 signs authorized by this paragraph adjacent to
34 and visible from each handicapped parking space.
35 One sign shall consist of a profile view of a
36 wheelchair with an occupant in white on a blue

1 background with a printed inscription. The in-
2 scription shall read: "Handicapped Parking:
3 Special Plate Required. Unauthorized vehicles
4 are subject to a fine." The other signs autho-
5 rized under this paragraph and which may be
6 posted in lieu of the first sign shall consist of
7 a profile view of a wheelchair with an occupant
8 in white on a blue background which may bear an
9 inscription. Any new sign erected or any sign
10 replaced after the effective date of this para-
11 graph shall conform to the signs authorized by
12 this paragraph. Any existing posted signs that
13 do not conform to the provisions of this para-
14 graph and which were erected prior to the effec-
15 tive date of this paragraph shall be deemed to be
16 valid for enforcement purposes. Any vehicle
17 parked in a parking space designated by a municipi-
18 pality as a handicapped parking space that does
19 not bear a special registration plate or placard
20 issued under Title 29, section 252, or a similar
21 plate issued by another state, shall be cited for
22 a penalty not to exceed \$25 unless otherwise es-
23 tablished by local ordinance. ~~Owners of private~~
24 ~~off-street parking may enter into agreements with~~
25 ~~local or county law enforcement agencies for the~~
26 ~~policing of stalls and spaces dedicated for hand-~~
27 ~~icapped persons' vehicles, under which agreements~~
28 ~~unauthorized vehicles shall be tagged. Local and~~
29 ~~county law enforcement agencies shall, upon writ-~~
30 ~~ten request of any owner of private off-street~~
31 ~~parking, police stalls and spaces dedicated for~~
32 ~~handicapped persons' vehicles, and shall tag un-~~
33 ~~authorized vehicles. Where service facilities~~
34 are established on the Maine Turnpike and on the
35 interstate highway system in Maine, the State Po-
36 lice shall enforce this subsection.

37 STATEMENT OF FACT

38 This bill requires law enforcement officers, upon
39 request of any owner of off-street parking, to en-
40 force violations relating to handicapped parking
41 which occur in private off-street parking.