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H.P. 639 House of Representatives, March 20, 1987 Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative RACINE of Biddeford. Cosponsored by Representatives PARADIS of Old Town, RICHARD of Madison and PERRY of Mexico.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Create a Veterans' Property Tax Exemption Based on Disability.

4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 5 follows:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §653, sub-\$1, %D-1, as amended by PL 1977, c. 407, is further amended to read:

D-1. The estates up to the just value of \$40,000, having a taxable situs in the place of residence, for specially adapted housing units, of veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during any federally recognized war period and who are paraplegic veterans, so called, within the meaning of the U.S. Code, Title 38, chapter 21, section 801, and who received a grant from the United States Government for

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1 such specially adapted housing, or of the unre-2 married widows of such veterans. The exemption 3 provided in this paragraph shall apply to the property of such veteran including property held 4 Any 5 in joint tenancy with his or her spouse. 6 veteran eligible under this section may elect to 7 receive benefits under subsection 2 in lieu of 8 benefits under this paragraph. 9 Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§2 is enacted to read:

10 2. Disabled veteran. The estate of a disabled 11 veteran shall be exempt from taxation on the basis 12 that the veteran's disability percentage shall be the 13 percentage amount of the veteran's estate which is 14 considered exempt.

STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This bill allows disabled veterans an exemption 17 which would be equal to the percentage amount of 18 their disability.

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