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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1106, L.D. 1498,
Bill, "AN ACT to Provide Special License Plates and
Decals for People with Hearing Impairments."

Amend the Bill in the title, in the 3rd line by
inserting after the following "Impairments" the fol-
lowing: 'and to Amend the Law Concerning Handicapped
Plates and Placards'

Further amend the Bill by inserting after the en-
acting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §252, first ¶, as repealed and
replaced by PL 1987, c. 56, §1, is repealed and the
following enacted in its place:

On annual application to the Secretary of State,
any handicapped person or the spouse, parents or le-
gal guardian of a handicapped person who has regis-
tered a motor vehicle as the motor vehicle of princi-
pal use by the handicapped person shall be issued a
set of special designating plates to be used in place
of the regular registration plates or placard to be
fixed to the sun visor of a motor vehicle registered
by such a person. The placard shall be so affixed
that the information thereon shall be clearly legible
from outside the motor vehicle. The placard issued
under this section shall include the motor vehicle
registration plate number of the vehicle registered
in the name of the handicapped person or the spouse,
parents or legal guardian of the handicapped person,
the name of the handicapped person and the date of
expiration of the placard. The Secretary of State
shall establish by regulation a system of color cod-
ing for placards issued pursuant to this section for
the purpose of facilitating the determination of va-
lidity of placards. When the Secretary of State

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1 deems it appropriate, a placard may be issued to any
2 handicapped person who does not have a duly regis-
3 tered motor vehicle. In such cases, the placard may
4 be displayed on any motor vehicle properly registered
5 in this State, but it may only be so displayed during
6 the time when the handicapped person is a passenger
7 in the vehicle, when the driver of the vehicle is
8 transporting the handicapped person or when the driv-
9 er is waiting for a service to be rendered to the
10 handicapped person. The annual registration fee is
11 as set forth in this subchapter for the type of vehi-
12 cle assigned the special designating plates or
13 placard. A \$1 fee shall be charged in those cases
14 where a placard is issued to a handicapped person who
15 does not have a duly registered motor vehicle.

16 **Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §252, next to the last ¶, as**
17 **amended by PL 1987, c. 56, §2, is further amended to**
18 **read:**

19 Any person other than a handicapped person or the
20 spouse of a handicapped person issued a set of spe-
21 cial designating plates or placard under this section
22 shall be subject to a \$100 fine for use of the spe-
23 cial designating plates or placard. The special des-
24 ignating plates or placard shall be suspended if im-
25 proper use is permitted.

26 **Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §252, last ¶, as amended by PL**
27 **1987, c. 56, §3, is repealed and the following en-**
28 **acted in its place:**

29 These special designating plates shall bear the
30 International Handicap Symbol.

31 **Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §252-C, last ¶, as amended by**
32 **PL 1987, c. 56, §6, is further amended to read:**

33 A person to whom a temporary placard has been is-
34 sued under this section is entitled to the same
35 rights and privileges as a person to whom a plate or
36 placard is issued under section 252, during the term

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1 of that temporary placard.'

2 Further amend the Bill by inserting at the begin-
3 ning of the first line after the enacting clause
4 (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) the following: 'Sec. 5.'

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 The purpose of this amendment is to reinstate the
7 authority of the Secretary of State to issue special
8 designating plates to handicapped persons. This will
9 assure qualified handicapped persons the choice of
10 designating license plates or placards.

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