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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 564, L.D. 1685,
8 Bill, "AN ACT to Provide Special Plates or Placards
9 for Handicapped Persons."

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Amend the bill by inserting at the end of section
11 1 the following:

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'On annual application to the Secretary of State,
any handicapped person who has registered a motorcy-
cle shall be issued a special designating plate to be
used in place of the regular registration plate.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting before the
statement of fact the following:

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'Sec. 5. 30 MRSA §2151, sub-§2, 1D, as amended
by PL 1979, c. 371, §2, is further amended to read:

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D. Providing for the installation, maintenance
and policing of parking meters on any public way
or public parking area; providing the fact that a
vehicle is in a metered parking space when the
time signal on the parking meter for such space
indicates no parking permitted without the depos-
it of a coin or coins shall be prima facie evi-
dence that ~~said~~ the vehicle has been parked in
~~said the~~ parking space longer than the lawfully
permitted period; providing the fact that a vehi-
cle is unlawfully parked shall be prima facie evi-
dence of the unlawful parking of such vehicle by
the person in whose name such vehicle is regis-
tered; establishing reasonable charges for me-
tered parking.

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(1) The revenue collected from parking me-
ters shall be used to purchase, maintain and
police the meters; to construct and maintain

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1 public ways; to acquire, construct, maintain
2 and operate public parking areas; and for no
3 other purpose;

4 (2) Any motor vehicle or motorcycle regis-
5 tered by a handicapped person shall be ex-
6 empt from any parking meter fare when said
7 vehicle properly displays special designat-
8 ing plates or placard issued in accordance
9 with Title 29, sections 252 and 252-A, and
10 shall be permitted to park a length of time
11 which is not to exceed twice the time limit
12 otherwise applicable;

13 (3) Unlawful parking of a vehicle in viola-
14 tion of any ordinance authorized by this
15 paragraph shall be a traffic infraction.

16 **Sec. 6. 30 MRSA §2151, sub-§2, ¶K,** as amended by
17 PL 1983, c. 337, §2, is further amended to read:

18 K. Providing for the establishment and policing
19 of parking spaces designated for handicapped per-
20 sons. A municipality with off-street public
21 parking areas may set aside an adequate number of
22 these spaces for use by handicapped persons. A
23 municipality with on-street public parking spaces
24 may set aside an adequate number of these spaces
25 in appropriate locations for use by handicapped
26 persons. The municipality may post any of the
27 signs authorized by this paragraph adjacent to
28 and visible from each handicapped parking space.
29 One sign shall consist of a profile view of a
30 wheelchair with an occupant in white on a blue
31 background with a printed inscription. The in-
32 scription shall read: "Handicapped Parking:
33 Special Plate Required. Unauthorized vehicles
34 are subject to a fine." The other signs autho-
35 rized under this paragraph and which may be
36 posted in lieu of the first sign shall consist of
37 a profile view of a wheelchair with an occupant
38 in white on a blue background which may bear an

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1 inscription. Any new sign erected or any sign
2 replaced after the effective date of this para-
3 graph shall conform to the signs authorized by
4 this paragraph. Any existing posted signs that
5 do not conform to the provisions of this para-
6 graph and which were erected prior to the effec-
7 tive date of this paragraph shall be deemed to be
8 valid for enforcement purposes. Any vehicle or
9 motorcycle parked in a parking space designated
10 by a municipality as a handicapped parking space
11 that does not bear a special registration plate
12 or placard issued under Title 29, section 252, or
13 a similar plate issued by another state, shall be
14 cited for a penalty not to exceed \$25 unless oth-
15 erwise established by local ordinance. Owners of
16 private off-street parking may enter into agree-
17 ments with local or county law enforcement agen-
18 cies for the policing of stalls and spaces dedi-
19 cated for handicapped persons' vehicles, under
20 which agreements unauthorized vehicles shall be
21 tagged. Where service facilities are established
22 on the Maine Turnpike and on the interstate high-
23 way system in Maine, the State Police shall en-
24 force this subsection.'

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 The purpose of this amendment is to include hand-
27 icated persons who have registered motorcycles among
28 those persons who may receive special designating
29 registration plates from the Secretary of State.

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