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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1497, L.D. 2047,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Require Gasoline Stations which  
Provide Self-Service at a Lower Rate to Provide  
Services at the Same Rate for Handicapped Drivers."

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Amend the bill by striking out all of the title  
and inserting in its place the following:

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'AN ACT to Enable Handicapped Drivers to Obtain an  
Allowance in Lieu of Service Station Discounts.'

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Further amend the bill by striking out everything  
after the enacting clause and inserting in its place  
the following:

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'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §252, as amended by PL 1987,  
c. 298, §§1 to 3, is further amended by adding at the  
end a new paragraph to read:

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Any handicapped person who has been issued a set  
of special designating plates or a placard under this  
section, or a temporary handicapped placard under  
section 252-C, and who has a driver's license  
designated code H, restricted to special equipment,  
shall be entitled to an annual \$50 credit on that  
person's motor vehicle excise tax payment as provided  
in Title 36, section 1482, subsection 5, paragraph G,  
in lieu of services and discounts not available to

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1 handicapped drivers. If the excise tax due is less  
2 than \$50, the credit shall not exceed the tax.

3 **Sec. 2. 36 MRS** **A** **§1482, sub-§5, ¶G** is enacted to  
4 read:

5 G. Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
6 section, any handicapped person who has been  
7 issued a set of special designating plates or a  
8 placard pursuant to Title 29, section 252, or a  
9 temporary handicapped placard pursuant to Title  
10 29, section 252-C, and who has a driver's license  
11 designated code H, restricted to special  
12 equipment, shall be entitled to an annual excise  
13 tax credit of \$50 for each registration year in  
14 which an excise tax is paid. If the excise tax  
15 due is less than \$50, the credit shall not exceed  
16 the tax.

17 **Sec. 3. State reimbursement to municipalities.**  
18 The State shall reimburse the municipalities for 100%  
19 of the cost of the credit.

20 FISCAL NOTE

21 The precise fiscal impact of this legislation  
22 cannot be determined at this time. Based on the \$50  
23 limitation, the total cost would not exceed \$200,000.'

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 This amendment provides an annual excise tax  
26 credit of \$50 to handicapped drivers in lieu of  
27 service station and other self-service discounts to

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1 motorists not available to the severely, physically  
2 handicapped. This amendment also avoids costly  
3 paperwork for filling station owners and the Bureau of  
4 Taxation that would result from other methods of  
5 funding.

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