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H.P. 1497 House of Representatives, January 13, 1988 Approved for introduction by a majority of the

Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative JALBERT of Lisbon. Cosponsored by Representative DELLERT of Gardiner and

Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Require Gasoline Stations which Provide Self-Service at a Lower Rate to Provide Services at the Same Rate for Handicapped Drivers.

6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 7 follows:

10 MRSA §1661-A is enacted to read:

§1661-A. Gasoline stations to provide services for

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handicapped drivers

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| 2 | Every full-service gasoline station offering |
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| 3 | self-service pumping at a lesser cost shall require an |
| 4 | attendant employed by the station to dispense gasoline |
| 5 | from the self-service portion of the station to any |
| 6 | motor vehicle properly displaying a handicapped |
| 7 | placard or special designating plates issued under |
| 8 | Title 29, section 252, when the person to whom the |
| 9 | placard or plates have been issued is the operator of |
| 10 | the vehicle and the service is requested. Such a |
| 11 | station shall prominently display a decal no larger |
| 12 | than 8 square inches on the self-service pumps clearly |
| 13 | stating the requirements of this section and the |
| 14 | penalties applicable to violations of this section. |
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STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This bill brings about a parity for handicapped 17 drivers who cannot leave their cars to pump gas. 18 Under current practice, the nonhandicapped driver may 19 purchase gas at a reduced rate by going to the 20 self-service pump while the severely physically 21 handicapped driver must rely upon full service at a 22 higher rate.

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