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L.D. 2587

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
113TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 974, L.D. 2587,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Enhance Enforcement of the  
Handicapped Parking Laws."

Amend the Bill in section 1 by adding at the end  
the following:

'§1130-C. Municipal volunteer parking enforcement  
program

1. Programs established. Each municipal police  
department, with the approval of the municipal  
officers, may establish a program or contract with the  
sheriff to carry out a program to deputize volunteer  
parking enforcement specialists to enforce handicapped  
parking laws and ordinances in private parking lots  
within the municipality, pursuant to enforcement  
agreements entered into between the police department  
and the owners of such lots pursuant to section 2151,  
subsection 2, paragraph K.

2. Qualifications. The police department should  
seek candidates who are handicapped. To qualify for  
the position of volunteer parking enforcement  
specialist, an applicant:

A. Must be at least 18 years of age;

B. Must successfully complete a criminal history  
check to standards officially adopted by the

1 police department; and.

2 C. Must successfully complete an examination and  
3 training program, as established in section  
4 1130-B, except that local orientation may be  
5 conducted by the police department.

6 3. Duties. After a qualified applicant has met  
7 all the requirements of subsection 2, the police  
8 department shall deputize the applicant to act as a  
9 volunteer parking enforcement specialist. The duties  
10 of the parking enforcement specialist are to:

11 A. Issue parking citations, tickets or oral  
12 warnings to operators of motor vehicles parked in  
13 violation of any handicapped parking law or  
14 ordinance, but only in private parking lots,  
15 pursuant to agreements entered into under section  
16 2151, subsection 2, paragraph K; and

17 B. Make referrals to a law enforcement agency  
18 when proper and appropriate.'

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This amendment allows, but does not require,  
21 municipal police departments, with the approval of the  
22 municipal officers, to set up a volunteer parking  
23 enforcement program similar to the one in the bill for  
24 sheriff's departments. In addition, the municipality  
25 may contract with the sheriff to carry out the  
26 program. There would be no involvement by the  
27 sheriff's department in the municipal police  
28 department's programs.

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