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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 842, L.D. 1174, Bill, "An Act to Provide Disabled Veterans with Free Drivers' Licenses"

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

'An Act to Provide Disabled Veterans with Free Drivers' Licenses and to Clarify the Law Providing Free Registration Plates to Disabled Veterans'

Further amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §251, as amended by PL 1985, c. 539, §3, is further amended to read:

§251. Amputee or blind veterans

On application to the Secretary of State for registration of any motor vehicle of any amputee or blind veteran who has been the recipient of an automobile from the United States Government under authority of P.L. 663, 79th Congress, as amended, or P.L. 187, 82nd Congress, as amended, or of any amputee or blind veteran receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration or any branch of the United States Armed Forces for service connected disability who shall have a specially designed motor vehicle, such veteran shall be entitled to have said automobile duly registered and a registration certificate delivered to him the veteran without the requirement of the payment of any fee.

Any veteran who has lost both legs or the use of both legs and who has registered his a motor vehicle without the payment of a fee as provided in this section upon certification by the Veterans Administration or appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces shall be issued special designating plates. Those designating plates shall be issued by the Secretary of State and shall bear the words "Disabled Veteran".

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Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §252-A, first ¶, as amended by PL 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §115, is further amended to read:

The Secretary of State on application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, shall issue a registration certificate and set of special designating plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates to any 100% disabled veteran when that application is accompanied by certification from the United States Veterans Administration or any branch of the United States Armed Forces as to the veteran's disability and receipt of 100% service-connected benefits and that the veteran is permanently confined to a wheelchair or restricted to the use of crutches or braces or otherwise handicapped in such a way that mobility is seriously restricted.'

Further amend the bill at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause by inserting the following: 'Sec. 3.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§536." in the first paragraph in the 6th line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the word "Administration" the following: 'or any branch of the United States Armed Forces'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The statement of fact to the bill indicates that handicapped veterans receive free registration plates and the intent of the bill is to provide free operator licenses to that same group of veterans. The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the law concerning the issuance of the free registration plates to disabled, blind or amputee veterans by making clear that those plates are available whether the veteran is compensated by the Veterans Administration or by any branch of the United States Armed Forces.

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