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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Representative McSWEENEY of Old Orchard Beach,
Representative HOLT of Bath and Senator WEYMOUTH of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act Regarding the Handicap Parking Privilege to Veterans with
Disabled Veterans License Plates.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **30-A MRSA §3009, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737,
5 Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106, and as amended by PL 1989, cc. 6 and 9
7 and as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, §28, is further amended to
9 read:

11 D. The following provisions apply to the establishment and
13 policing of parking spaces for handicapped persons.

15 (1) Municipal public parking areas are subject to any
17 applicable requirements of the Maine Human Rights Act,
19 Title 5, chapter 337, subchapter V. The municipality
21 shall post a sign adjacent to and visible from each
23 handicapped parking space established by the
25 municipality. The sign shall display the international
27 symbol for accessibility.

29 (2) Owners of private off-street parking shall arrange
31 for private enforcement or shall enter into agreements
33 with local or county law enforcement agencies to
35 enforce handicapped parking restrictions. Under these
37 agreements, unauthorized vehicles will be ticketed. An
39 owner of private off-street parking who fails to
41 arrange for private enforcement or to enter into an
43 agreement with a law enforcement agency commits a civil
45 violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$50
47 may be adjudged.

49 Under these agreements, public law enforcement
51 officials may ensure that parking spaces designated for
the handicapped are used appropriately by handicapped
persons, whether the designated handicapped parking
spaces are located on public lots or on private lots
open to the public. Handicapped parking restrictions
in private lots may also be enforced by county or
municipal volunteer parking enforcement specialists as
provided in sections 471 and 472.

Where service facilities are established on the Maine
Turnpike and on the interstate highway system in the
State, the State Police shall enforce any handicapped
parking restrictions at those facilities.

(3) Any vehicle or motorcycle parked in a parking
space clearly marked as a handicapped parking space and
which does not bear a special registration plate or
placard issued under Title 29, sections section 252,
252-A and or 252-C, or a similar plate issued by
another state, shall be cited for a forfeiture of not
less than \$50. "Clearly marked" includes painted signs

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on pavement and vertical standing signs which are visible in existing weather conditions.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clarifies that disabled veterans may display either a special placard or a special license plate when parked in a parking space reserved for handicapped persons.