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Presented by Representative OTT of York. (By Request)

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Use of Handicapped Plates.

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

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Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §252, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 481, Pt. A, §9, is further amended to read:

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6 · On-application-to-the-Secretary-of-State,-any-handicapped person-or-the-spouse-parents-or-legal-quardian-of--a-handieapped 8 person-who-has-registered --- motor-vehicle. as -the -motor-vehicle -of principal-use-by-the-handicapped-person-shall-be-issued a-set-of 10 special-designating-plates-to-be-used-in-place-of-the-regular registration-plates. On receipt of an application for special designating plates, the Secretary of State shall issue special 12 designating plates to be used in place of the regular 14 registration plates on a motor vehicle owned by a handicapped person or owned by a relative or legal guardian of a handicapped 16 person if the handicapped person is a member of the relative's or legal guardian's household, a resident of this State and 18 dependent on the relative's or legal quardian's motor vehicle as the handicapped person's primary means of transportation. A 20 permanent placard may be issued under this section and shall must be so affixed that the information on the placard shall-be is 22 clearly legible from the outside of the the motor vehicle. The placard shall must contain the name of the handicapped person. 24 The Secretary of State shall establish by regulation a system of color coding for placards issued pursuant to this section for the 26 of facilitating the determination of validity of purpose placards. When the Secretary of State deems determines it appropriate, a placard may be issued to any handicapped person 28 who does not have a duly registered motor vehicle. In such cases, 30 the placard may be displayed on any motor vehicle properly registered in this State, but it may only be so displayed during 32 the time when the handicapped person is a passenger in the vehicle, when the driver of the vehicle is transporting the 34 handicapped person or when the driver is waiting for a service to be rendered to the handicapped person. The annual registration 36 fee is as set forth in this subchapter for the type of vehicle

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assigned the special designating plates or placard. A \$1 fee

shall-be is charged for each placard issued.

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This bill provides for handicapped license plates to be issued upon application for such plates to all vehicles owned by a handicapped person or owned by a relative or legal guardian who is the handicapped person's primary means of transportation.