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House of Representatives, February 4, 1993

**An Act to Make Available Special Handicap Veteran License Plates and
Vanity Plates With a Veteran Designation.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Berwick.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DiPIETRO of South Portland, MARSHALL of Eliot, Senator:
CARPENTER of York.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1, sub-§§3-L and 3-M are enacted to read:

6 3-L. Handicapped person. "Handicapped person" means a
8 person who is permanently confined to a wheelchair or restricted
10 to the permanent use of crutches or braces or otherwise
12 handicapped in such a way that the person's mobility is seriously
14 restricted.

16 3-M. Handicapped veteran. "Handicapped veteran" means a
18 veteran who is permanently confined to a wheelchair or restricted
20 to the permanent use of crutches or braces or otherwise
22 handicapped in such a way that the veteran's mobility is
24 seriously restricted.

26 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1, sub-§20-A is enacted to read:

28 20-A. Veteran. "Veteran" means a person who served in the
30 United States Armed Forces during any federally recognized period
32 of conflict or was eligible for an Armed Forces Expeditionary
34 Medal or campaign medal and was not dishonorably discharged. A
36 veteran of the Vietnam War must have served on active duty for a
38 period of more than 90 days. Part of that active duty service
40 must have occurred after December 22, 1961 and before May 7,
42 1975, unless that veteran was discharged for a service-connected
44 disability.

46 Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §192-A is enacted to read:

48 192-A. Veteran initial plates

50 The Secretary of State may design and issue special veteran
52 initial plates in accordance with the provisions of section 192.
54 An application for a plate under this section must include a
56 military certification verifying the applicant's military
58 service. The plate design must include the word "Veteran" in red
60 letters centered at the bottom of the initial plate.

62 Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §252, as amended by PL 1989, c. 481, Pt. A,
64 §9, is further amended to read:

66 §252. Handicapped persons

68 On application to the Secretary of State, any handicapped
70 person or handicapped veteran, or the spouse, parents or legal
72 guardian of a handicapped person or handicapped veteran who has
74 registered a motor vehicle as the motor vehicle of principal use
76 by the handicapped person shall or handicapped veteran may be
78 issued a set of special designating plates to be used in place of

2 the regular registration plates. The handicap veteran plates
3 must include the word "Veteran" in red letters centered at the
4 bottom of the special designating plate. A permanent placard may
5 be issued under this section ~~and shall~~ must be so affixed that
6 the information on the placard shall ~~be~~ is clearly legible from
7 the outside of the the motor vehicle. The placard shall must
8 contain the name of the handicapped person or handicapped
9 veteran. The Secretary of State shall establish by regulation a
10 system of color coding for placards issued pursuant to this
11 section for the purpose of facilitating the determination of
12 validity of placards. When the Secretary of State deems
13 determines it appropriate, a placard may be issued to any
14 handicapped person or handicapped veteran who does not have a
15 duly registered motor vehicle. In such those cases, the placard
16 may be displayed on any motor vehicle properly registered in this
17 State, but it may only be so displayed during the time when the
18 handicapped person or handicapped veteran is a passenger in the
19 vehicle, when the driver of the vehicle is transporting the
20 handicapped person or handicapped veteran or when the driver is
21 waiting for a service to be rendered to the handicapped person or
22 handicapped veteran. The annual registration fee is as set forth
23 in this subchapter for the type of vehicle assigned the special
24 designating plates or placard. A \$1 fee shall ~~be~~ is charged for
each placard issued.

26 On application to the Secretary of State, any handicapped
27 person or handicapped veteran who has registered a motorcycle
28 shall may be issued a special designating plate to be used in
place of the regular registration plate.

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31 ~~A handicapped person is herein defined to mean a person who~~
32 ~~is permanently confined to a wheelchair or restricted to the~~
33 ~~permanent use of crutches or braces or otherwise handicapped in~~
34 ~~such a way that his mobility is seriously restricted.~~

36 An application under this section shall must be accompanied
37 by the certificate of a physician as ~~to~~ certifying that person's
38 or handicapped veteran's physical disability. In the case of a
39 handicapped veteran, an application also must include a military
40 certification verifying the applicant's military service. Those
41 persons or handicapped veterans who are found by their physicians
42 to have permanent handicaps shall are not be required to submit
43 annual certificates following their initial qualification.

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45 Any person other than a handicapped person or handicapped
46 veteran or the spouse of a handicapped person or handicapped
47 veteran issued a set of special designating plates or placard
48 under this section shall ~~be~~ is subject to a \$100 fine for use of
the special designating plates or placard. The Use of the special

2 designating plates or placard shall ~~be~~ is suspended if improper
use is permitted.

4 These special designating plates shall must bear the
6 International Handicap Symbol.

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10 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

12 The bill permits the Secretary of State to issue special
veteran vanity license plates and special veteran handicap
license plates.