

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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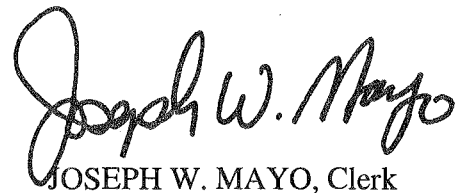
H.P. 278

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

**An Act to Change the Eligibility Requirements for Free Registration  
Plates for Certain Veterans.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield.  
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of York and  
Representatives: GAGNON of Waterville, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, RICHARD of  
Madison.

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. B, §10 and affected by §24, is further amended to read:

2. **Disabled veterans; special free license plates.** 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 who is at least 50% disabled 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 permanent disability and receipt of ~~100%~~ at least 50% service-connected benefits. A disabled placard is issued in addition to the disabled veteran registration plate at no fee.

These special designating plates must bear the words "Disabled Veteran," which indicate that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran.

## SUMMARY

Under current law a veteran must be 100% disabled in order to qualify for free disabled veteran registration plates.

This bill reduces the required amount of disability to 50% or more.