

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 167

S.P. 64

In Senate, January 11, 1999

**An Act to Allow Persons with Disabilities to Obtain More than One  
Disability Registration Plate.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative BUCK of Yarmouth and  
Representative: SCHNEIDER of Durham.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 482, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

6 **2. Disability registration plates.** Disability registration  
8 plates must bear the International Symbol of Access, which must  
10 be in a color that contrasts with the background and is must be  
12 the same size as the letters or numbers on the plate. The  
14 Secretary of State may issue a--set sets of disability  
16 registration plates to the following:

18 A. A person with a disability;

20 B. A vehicle owner who is a spouse, parent or legal  
22 guardian of a person with a disability when the person with  
24 a disability is a resident of this State, a member of the  
26 relative's or guardian's household and dependent on the  
28 vehicle owner as the primary means of transportation; or

30 C. An organization or agency in this State that transports  
32 persons with disabilities.

34 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§5**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 482, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

36 **5. Application; issuance.** An application for a disability  
38 plate plates or placard placards must be accompanied by the  
40 certificate of a physician attesting to that person's physical  
42 disability as defined in subsection 1. The Secretary of State  
44 shall issue to an eligible applicant one set of disability plates  
46 and one windshield placard or one windshield placard and a 2nd  
48 placard upon request. The Secretary of State may issue more than  
50 one set of disability plates on request. Proof of a disability  
52 must be submitted every 4 years on a form prescribed by the  
54 Secretary of State, except, when the Secretary of State  
56 determines the disability to be permanent, the time may be  
58 extended. When the applicant's need for the disability placard  
60 terminates or the applicant dies, the plate plates or placard  
62 placards must be immediately returned to the Secretary of State.

64 **SUMMARY**

66 This bill allows persons with disabilities to obtain more  
68 than one set of disability registration plates.