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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 300, L.D. 378, Bill, "An Act to Allow Individuals with Disability Registration Plates or Placards to Park Where There is a Parking Meter Without a Charge"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Parking at meters. Pursuant to Title 30-A, section 3009, subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (4), a vehicle that exhibits a permanent placard, a temporary placard or a disability registration plate may park at a parking area with a meter without a charge and may park a length of time that does not exceed twice the limit otherwise allowed.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3009, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §127 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

C. The municipal officers may regulate the parking of motor vehicles on any public way or public parking area, including, but not limited to, providing for the installation of parking meters, providing the fact that any vehicle is illegally parked or is in a metered space when the time signal on the parking meter for that space indicates no parking permitted without the deposit of a coin or coins is prima facie evidence that the vehicle has been

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2 parked illegally by the person in whose name the vehicle is
3 registered, and establishing reasonable charges for metered
4 parking.

6 (1) Illegal parking of a vehicle in violation of any
7 ordinance authorized by this paragraph is a civil
8 violation.

10 (2) The municipal officers may establish a method by
11 which persons charged with the violation of parking
12 regulations may waive all court action by payment of
13 specified fees within stated periods of time.

14 (3) The revenue collected from parking meters must be
15 used:

16 (a) To purchase, maintain and police the meters;

18 (b) To construct and maintain public ways;

20 (c) To acquire, construct, maintain and operate
21 public parking areas; and

22 (d) For no other purpose.

24 (4) ~~Any-meter A vehicle or-motorcycle-registered-by-a
25 handicapped-person-is-exempt--from-any-parking-meter
26 fare--when--that--vehicle--properly--displays--special
27 designating--plates--or--a~~ that exhibits a permanent
28 placard, a temporary placard or a disability
29 registration plate issued under Title 29-A, section 521
30 ~~or-523,~~ may park at a parking area with a meter without
31 a charge and may park a length of time that does not
32 exceed twice the time limit otherwise ~~applied~~
33 allowed.

34 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
35 summary the following:

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40 **FISCAL NOTE**

41 The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from
42 reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with
43 the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the
44 court system. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease
45 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill and allows any vehicle exhibiting a valid disability registration plate or placard to park at a parking meter free of charge for up to twice the time limit allowed. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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