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H.P. 588

House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

**An Act to Authorize Citizen-issued Citations for Violations of the
Handicapped Parking Laws.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, BUCK of Yarmouth, CHASE of Levant, COLLINS of
Wells, DAVIS of Falmouth, McKENNEY of Cumberland, ROSEN of Bucksport, TUTTLE of
Sanford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§9-A,** as enacted by PL 1997, c.
673, §2, is amended to read:

6 **9-A. Enforcement of handicapped parking restrictions.**
8 Local or county law enforcement agencies may enforce handicapped
10 parking restrictions on private off-street parking areas. The
12 State Police shall enforce handicapped parking restrictions at
14 service facilities established on the Maine Turnpike and on the
16 interstate highway system in the State.

18 A. Notwithstanding Title 30-A, sections 471 and 472, any
20 person may issue a citation for a vehicle or motorcycle that
22 does not bear a disability registration plate or placard and
24 is parked in a parking space clearly marked as handicapped
parking. The person issuing the citation shall then report
the violation to the appropriate law enforcement agency,
which shall enforce the citation.

B. Local law enforcement agencies shall make available
citation forms that may be used by any person issuing a
citation under paragraph A.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill augments the county and municipal volunteer
30 parking enforcement programs established under the Maine Revised
32 Statutes, Title 30-A, sections 471 and 472 by amending the law
concerning motor vehicle disability registration plates to
authorize any person to issue a citation for a violation of the
handicapped parking laws.