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House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

**An Act to Exempt 100% Disabled Veterans from Paying the Excise Tax
and Registration Fee on Motor Vehicles.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Berwick.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1819, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678, §13, is amended to read:

Any disabled veteran displaying on the veteran's motor vehicle special designating plates or placards issued in accordance with Title 29-A, section 523, ~~subsections~~ subsection 1 and--2 is not required to pay a fee for admission to any state-owned park, camping area or beach.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

1. Amputee, 100% disabled or blind veterans. On application to the Secretary of State for registration of any motor vehicle of any amputee, 100% disabled or blind veteran who has received an automobile from the United States Government under authority of 38 United States Code, Sections 3901, et seq. or any amputee, 100% disabled or blind veteran receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration or any branch of the United States Armed Forces for service-connected disability who has a specially designed motor vehicle, that veteran is entitled to have that automobile duly registered and a registration certificate delivered to the veteran without the requirement of the payment of any fee.

Any veteran who is 100% disabled or who has lost both legs or the use of both legs and who has registered a motor vehicle without the payment of a fee as provided in this section upon certification by the Veterans Administration or appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces must be issued special designating plates. Those designating plates must be issued by the Secretary of State and must bear the words "Disabled Veteran."

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. B, §10 and affected by §24, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 734, §2, is amended to read:

2-A. Disabled veterans motorcycle license plates. The Secretary of State shall issue a registration certificate and special designating plate for a motorcycle to be used in lieu of a registration plate issued in subsection 2 1 to any 100% disabled veteran if an applicant submits the following together with an application:

A. Evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482; and

2 B. Certification from the United States Veterans
4 Administration or any branch of the United States Armed
6 Forces as to the veteran's permanent disability and receipt
 of 100% service-connected benefits.

8 Notwithstanding section 468, the Secretary of State may issue
10 fewer than 2,000 of the plates authorized by this subsection, and
 this plate does not require a sponsor. These special designating
 plates must bear the word "Veteran."

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SUMMARY

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16 Current law exempts an amputee or blind veteran from the
 requirements of paying an excise tax and registration fee on a
 motor vehicle owned by that veteran.

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20 This bill also exempts 100% disabled veterans from the
 excise tax and registration fee requirements.