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In Senate, January 16, 2007

An Act To Allow a Person To Be Issued More than One Set of Disabled Veteran Registration Plates

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUPREY of Hampden, THOMAS of Ripley.

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

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

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

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

17 The Secretary of State may issue more than one set of disabled veteran registration plates
18 to an applicant on request.

19 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 573, §3, is further
20 amended to read:

21 **2. Disabled veterans; special free license plates.** The Secretary of State on
22 application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section
23 1482, shall issue a registration certificate and set of special designating plates to be used
24 in lieu of regular registration plates for a vehicle with a registered gross weight of not
25 more than 9,000 pounds to any 100% disabled veteran when that application is
26 accompanied by certification from the United States Veterans Administration or any
27 branch of the United States Armed Forces as to the veteran's permanent disability and
28 receipt of 100% service-connected benefits. The Secretary of State may issue more than
29 one set of disabled veteran registration plates to an applicant on request. A disability
30 placard is issued in addition to the disabled veteran registration plate at no fee.

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

33 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill allows a veteran with disabilities to obtain more than one set of disabled
35 veteran registration plates.