

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 460

House of Representatives, February 17, 2011

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### **An Act To Require Disability Registration Plates To Be Renewed in Person When Registering at a Municipality**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon.  
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CELLI of Brewer, DAVIS of Sangerville,  
TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WILLETTE of Mapleton, WOOD of Sabattus.

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

2               **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 143, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4               **5. Application; issuance.** An application for a disability plate or placard must be  
5 accompanied by the certificate of a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or  
6 registered nurse attesting to that person's physical disability as defined in subsection 1.  
7 The Secretary of State shall issue to an eligible applicant disability plates and windshield  
8 placards upon request. Proof of a disability must be submitted every 4 years on a form  
9 prescribed by the Secretary of State except when an eligible applicant requests that the  
10 disability plate or placard expire upon the expiration date of that person's driver's license  
11 or nondriver identification card issued by this State, whichever is applicable. When the  
12 Secretary of State determines the disability to be permanent, the time may be extended.  
13 When the applicant applies for an extension for a disability plate or placard through the  
14 applicant's municipality, the applicant must present the applicant's certificate of disability  
15 in person. When the applicant's need for the disability plate or placard terminates or the  
16 applicant dies, the plate or placard must be immediately returned to the Secretary of State.

17   **SUMMARY**

18               This bill requires an applicant to present a certificate of disability in person when the  
19 applicant applies for an extension of a disability plate or placard through a municipality.