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S.P. 301

In Senate, February 16, 2023

An Act to Provide Free or Reduced-cost Vehicle Registration to All Disabled Veterans

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST) Cosponsored by Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland, Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, HYMES of Waldo.

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

- **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 43, §1, is further amended to read:
- 2. Disabled veterans; special free license plates. The Secretary of State, on application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, shall issue a registration certificate and set of special designating plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates for a vehicle with a registered gross weight of not more than 26,000 pounds to any 100% disabled veteran when that application is accompanied by certification from the United States Veterans Administration or any branch of the United States Armed Forces as to the veteran's permanent disability and receipt of 100% service-connected benefits. A disability placard is issued in addition to the disabled veteran registration plate at no fee a fee reduced by the percentage the veteran is designated as disabled.
- These special designating plates must bear the words "Disabled Veteran," which indicate that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran.

16 SUMMARY

This bill amends the provision of law that provides disability placards, registration certificates and license plates at no fee to 100% disabled veterans to instead provide that all disabled veterans are eligible for a reduced fee proportional to their disability.