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In Senate, January 7, 2026

**An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Governing Parking
Enforcement on Property Accessible to the Public**

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DAREK M. GRANT".

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Public Law 2025, chapter 350 created unintended financial burdens on municipalities such as Westbrook, which now faces tens of thousands of dollars in signage costs; and

Whereas, the law also permits delayed mailed notices of parking violations, depriving vehicle owners of timely awareness of alleged violations; and

Whereas, immediate clarification is necessary to ensure fair enforcement practices and to prevent unnecessary costs to municipalities and the public; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1500-LL, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 350, §1 and reallocated by RR 2025, c. 1, Pt. A, §20, is amended to read:

1. Fine, fee or charge amount must be reasonable and conspicuously posted. The amount of any fine, fee or charge to any person for the violation of any parking rule applicable to property accessible to the public for the parking of motor vehicles must be reasonable and must be conspicuously and prominently posted within the property so that it is visible at any entrance and exit of a parking lot or parking structure within the property by a person entering and exiting in a motor vehicle.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1500-LL, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 350, §1 and reallocated by RR 2025, c. 1, Pt. A, §20, is amended to read:

2. Written notice of violation required. Written notice of a violation of any parking rule applicable to property accessible to the public for the parking of motor vehicles, including the failure to pay an amount of money to park a motor vehicle, must be provided to the registered owner of the motor vehicle affixed in a conspicuous place on the motor vehicle at the time of the violation. At a minimum, the written notice must include the following information:

- A. The date and time of the violation;
- B. The nature of the violation, including the parking rule violated;
- C. The amount of the fine, fee or charge for the violation and the payment due date for the fine, fee or charge for the violation, which must be at least 10 business days after the date of the written notice of the violation;
- D. Payment instructions; and
- E. Contact information for the person or entity responsible for collecting the fine, fee or charge for the violation; and
- F. The motor vehicle's license plate number, state of registration and registration type.

1 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
2 takes effect when approved.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill amends recently enacted provisions pertaining to parking enforcement
5 practices by eliminating the requirement that signs indicating parking fees be posted at
6 every entrance and exit of every parking lot or parking structure accessible to the public.
7 The bill also requires that a written notice of a parking fine be affixed to a vehicle in a
8 conspicuous place at the time of the violation. The bill also requires that the written notice
9 include the vehicle's license plate number, state and registration type.