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**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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necessary to carry out the functions given the committee.

6. Staff. Staff and assistance for the committee shall be provided pursuant to Title 5, section 3356.

§ 3602. Termination of chapter

This chapter is subject to repeal under Title 1, section 2501. The legislative committee having jurisdiction over the review provided for in Title 1, section 2502 shall be the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 6, 1979

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## CHAPTER 371

H. P. 1174 — L. D. 1436

**AN ACT to Provide Special Free License Plates for the 100% Disabled Veteran.**

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 252-A is enacted to read:

§ 252-A. 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 to any 100% disabled veteran who served in the United States Armed Forces in a combat zone at any time during his tenure of service when that application is accompanied by certification from the Veterans Administration as to the veteran's disability and receipt of 100% service-connected benefits and a copy of the appropriate military form certifying combat duty service.

These special designating plates shall bear the International Symbol, easily recognizable at a distance, and the letters VET which indicates that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA, § 2151, sub-§ 2, ¶ D, sub-¶ (2), as amended by PL 1975, c. 16, § 5 is further amended to read:

(2) Any motor vehicle registered by a handicapped person shall be exempt

from any parking meter fare when said vehicle properly displays special designating plates or placard issued in accordance with Title 29, ~~section~~ **sections 252 and 252-A**, and shall be permitted to park a length of time which is not to exceed twice the time limit otherwise applicable;

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 372

H. P. 1355 — L. D. 1591

### AN ACT to Require the Reporting of Petroleum Inventories and Deliveries to the Office of Energy Resources.

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

Whereas, the State of Maine has recently experienced serious shortages of petroleum products; and

Whereas, these shortages have the potential to adversely affect Maine's citizens; and

Whereas, the Office of Energy Resources presently does not have the authority to require the reporting of either petroleum supply inventories or anticipated petroleum deliveries; 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. 5 MRSA § 5005, sub-§ 1, ¶ 0 is enacted to read:

0. Have the authority to collect inventory and product delivery data from the state's primary storage facilities of petroleum products and shall afford confidential treatment to that information.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 5010 is enacted to read:

§ 5010. Definitions; reporting of petroleum inventories and deliveries

1. **Petroleum products.** "Petroleum products" shall mean propane, gasoline, unleaded gasoline, kerosene, #2 heating oil, diesel fuel, kerosene base jet fuel and #4, #5 and #6 residual oil for utility and nonutility uses.