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his mobile home from the park because of the age or condition of the structure.

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CHAPTER 325

H.P. 778 - L.D. 1099

AN ACT Concerning Handicapped Motor Vehicle Registration Plates or Placards.

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

29 MRSA §252, first ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c. 89, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

On annual application to the Secretary of State, any handicapped person or the spouse, parents or legal guardian of a handicapped person who has registered a motor vehicle as the motor vehicle of principal use by the handicapped person shall be issued a set of special designating plates to be used in place of the regular registration plates or placard to be fixed to the sun visor of a motor vehicle registered by such a person. Such placard shall be so affixed that the information thereon shall be clearly legible from outside the motor vehicle. Such placard issued under this section shall include the motor vehicle registration plate number of the vehicle registered in the name of the handicapped person or the spouse, parents or legal guardian of the handicapped person, the name of the handicapped person and the date of expiration of the placard. The Secretary of State shall establish by regulation a system of color coding for placards issued pursuant to this section for the purpose of facilitating the determination of validity of placards. When the Secretary of State deems it appropriate, a placard may be issued to any handicapped person who does not have a duly registered motor vehicle. In such cases the placard may be displayed on any motor vehicle properly registered in this State but it may only be so displayed during the time when the handicapped person is a passenger in the vehicle, when the driver of the vehicle is transporting the handicapped person or when the driver is waiting for a service to be rendered to the handicapped person. The annual registration fee is as set forth in this subchapter for the type of vehicle as-

signed the special designating plates or placard. A \$1 fee shall be charged in those cases where a placard is issued to a handicapped person who does not have a duly registered motor vehicle.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 326

H.P. 921 - L.D. 1336

AN ACT to Provide Adequate Facilities for the Public Utilities Commission.

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA §17, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Special assessment. Every utility subject to assessments pursuant to this section shall be subject to an additional assessment on its intrastate gross operating revenues to produce no more than \$250,000 in revenues annually in fiscal years 1985-86 and 1986-87. The revenues produced from this assessment shall be used to make necessary improvements in the facilities housing the Public Utilities Commission at 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine. These funds shall be raised and accounted for in accordance with the provisions of this section in a separate Public Utilities Commission Facilities Fund, to which any interest on the funds collected shall accrue. The authority to issue assessments under this subsection shall terminate on June 30, 1987. The assessments charged to utilities under this subsection shall be deemed just and reasonable operating costs for amortization, with carrying costs, in the utility's next rate case, provided that case is filed before January 1, 1990. Any funds remaining in the fund after the improvements have been made will either be returned to the utilities or used to reduce the following year's Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund assessment.

Sec. 2. Allocation. Income not otherwise allocated from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund is allocated for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1986, and June 30, 1987, and shall be segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the following schedule: