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An Act To Broaden Eligibility for Disabled Veterans License Plates

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

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 43, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Disabled veterans; special free license plates.** The Secretary of State, on
5 application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section
6 1482, shall issue a registration certificate and set of special designating plates to be used
7 in lieu of regular registration plates for a vehicle with a registered gross weight of not
8 more than 26,000 pounds to any ~~100%~~ 50% disabled veteran when that application is
9 accompanied by certification from the United States Veterans Administration or any
10 branch of the United States Armed Forces as to the veteran's permanent disability and
11 receipt of ~~100%~~ 50% service-connected benefits. A disability placard is issued in
12 addition to the disabled veteran registration plate at no fee.

13 These special designating plates must bear the words "Disabled Veteran," which indicate
14 that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran.

15 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 734, §2, is
16 amended to read:

17 **2-A. Disabled veterans motorcycle license plates.** The Secretary of State shall
18 issue a registration certificate and special designating plate for a motorcycle to be used in
19 lieu of a registration plate issued in subsection 2 to any ~~100%~~ 50% disabled veteran if an
20 applicant submits the following together with an application:

- 21 A. Evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482; and
- 22 B. Certification from the United States Veterans Administration or any branch of the
23 United States Armed Forces as to the veteran's permanent disability and receipt of
24 ~~100%~~ 50% service-connected benefits.

25 Notwithstanding section 468, the Secretary of State may issue fewer than 2,000 of the
26 plates authorized by this subsection, and this plate does not require a sponsor. These
27 special designating plates must bear the word "Veteran."

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill allows veterans who have a disability rating of 50% to obtain disabled
30 veterans license plates.