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House of Representatives, January 14, 2015

An Act To Authorize up to 3 Free Sets of License Plates for 100 Percent Disabled Veterans

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative POULIOT of Augusta. Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, FARRIN of Norridgewock, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HOBART of Bowdoinham, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.

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

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 383, §14, is
further amended to read:

4 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 5 1482, shall issue, at no fee, a registration certificate and set of special designating plates 6 to be used in lieu of regular registration plates for a vehicle with a registered gross weight 7 of not more than 10,000 pounds to any 100% disabled veteran when that application is 8 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 receipt of 100% service-connected benefits. The Secretary of State may issue in 11 accordance with this subsection a set of registration plates for each vehicle, up to 3 12 vehicles, to a person who qualifies for registration plates under this subsection and is the 13 primary driver of those vehicles. A disability placard is issued in addition to the disabled 14 veteran registration plate at no fee. 15

16 These special designating plates must bear the words "Disabled Veteran," which indicate 17 that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a 100% disabled veteran may receive, at no fee, a registration certificate and set of special designating plates for each of up to 3 vehicles. The bill also provides that the Secretary of State may issue the plates to a person who qualifies as a 100% disabled veteran and is the primary driver of each vehicle.