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### **An Act to Provide Protection from Unfair Parking Tickets on Lots Accessible to the Public**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

2               **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239** is enacted to read:

3                               **CHAPTER 239**

4                       **ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING VIOLATIONS ON LOTS ACCESSIBLE TO**  
5                               **THE PUBLIC**

6       **§1500-Z. Enforcement of parking violations on property accessible by public**

7               A person or entity that administers the collection of money for the privilege of parking  
8       a motor vehicle on property accessible by the general public and assesses fees on the owner  
9       of a motor vehicle parked in violation of the parking rules on the property is subject to the  
10       provisions of this section.

11               **1. Notice of violation.** The person or entity shall provide notice of violation to the  
12       owner of a motor vehicle parked on the property in violation of the rules at the time of  
13       violation. A parking violation fee may not be assessed if a notice of violation is not  
14       provided at the time of the violation.

15               **2. Notice to credit reporting agencies prohibited.** Notwithstanding any provision  
16       of law to the contrary, failure by an owner of a motor vehicle to pay fees assessed for a  
17       violation of the parking rules for the property may not be reported to a credit reporting  
18       agency.

19               **3. Enforcement.** The Attorney General shall enforce this section.

20               **4. Private cause of action.** A person harmed by a violation of this section may bring  
21       an action in court against the person or entity in violation of this section, except that a  
22       person may not bring such an action without first filing a request for mediation with the  
23       Office of the Attorney General.

24               **5. Violation.** A person or entity that violates this section is subject to treble damages  
25       and a penalty not to exceed \$5,000 per occurrence.

26                               **SUMMARY**

27               This bill requires that a notice of parking violation on property accessible by the general  
28       public must be provided at the time of the violation. Under the bill, failure by the owner  
29       of a motor vehicle to pay fees assessed for a parking violation on the property may not be  
30       reported to a credit reporting agency. The Attorney General is charged with enforcing these  
31       provisions, and a person harmed by a violation may bring an action in court against the  
32       person or entity in violation as long as the person has first filed a request for mediation with  
33       the Office of the Attorney General. A person or entity that violates these provisions is  
34       subject to treble damages and a penalty not to exceed \$5,000 per occurrence.