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An Act To Require Disability Registration Plates To Be Renewed in Person When Registering at a Municipality

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2009, c. 143, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Application; issuance. An application for a disability plate or placard must be accompanied by the certificate of a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or registered nurse attesting to that person's physical disability as defined in subsection 1. The Secretary of State shall issue to an eligible applicant disability plates and windshield placards upon request. Proof of a disability must be submitted every 4 years on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State except when an eligible applicant requests that the disability plate or placard expire upon the expiration date of that person's driver's license or nondriver identification card issued by this State, whichever is applicable. When the Secretary of State determines the disability to be permanent, the time may be extended. When the applicant applies for an extension for a disability plate or placard through the applicant's municipality, the applicant must present the applicant's certificate of disability in person. When the applicant's need for the disability plate or placard terminates or the applicant dies, the plate or placard must be immediately returned to the Secretary of State.

SUMMARY

This bill requires an applicant to present a certificate of disability in person when the applicant applies for an extension of a disability plate or placard through a municipality.