

PLEASE NOTE: Legislative Information **cannot** perform research, provide legal advice, or interpret Maine law. For legal assistance, please contact a qualified attorney.

An Act To Enforce Restrictions in Parking Spaces and Access Designated for Persons with a Walking Disability

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§9-A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

9-A. Enforcement of disability parking restrictions. A law enforcement officer may enforce disability parking restrictions. The State Police shall enforce disability parking restrictions at service facilities established on the Maine Turnpike and on the interstate highway system in the State. A person commits a traffic infraction if that person parks in a parking space designated and clearly marked for persons with physical disabilities and has not been issued or is not transporting a person who has been issued a disability registration plate or a removable windshield placard pursuant to this section or section 523 or a disability registration plate or placard issued by another state. A person commits a traffic infraction if that person parks in an access aisle, regardless of whether the person has been issued a disability registration plate or removable placard. A person who violates this subsection is subject to a fine of not less than \$200 and not more than \$500. Testimony under oath with clear photographic evidence from a person with a disability as defined under subsection 1 or the driver of a vehicle transporting a person with a disability as defined under subsection 1 that a vehicle was parked in violation of this subsection is prima facie evidence of a violation of this subsection.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that testimony under oath with clear photographic evidence from a person with a disability or the driver of a vehicle transporting a person with a disability is prima facie evidence that a violation of a disability parking restriction has occurred.