An Act To Allow Disabled Veterans To Have More Than One Set of Disabled Veteran License Plates

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative WALLACE of Dexter.
Cosponsored by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset and
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, FARRIN of Norridgewock, KINNEY of Limington, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, TURNER of Burlington, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

2   **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and
3   affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4   **1. Amputee or blind veterans.** On application to the Secretary of State for
5   registration of any motor vehicle of any amputee or blind veteran who has received an
6   automobile from the United States Government under authority of 38 United States Code,
7   Sections 3901, et seq. or any amputee or blind veteran receiving compensation from the
8   Veterans Administration or any branch of the United States Armed Forces for service-
9   connected disability who has a specially designed motor vehicle, that veteran is entitled to
10   have that automobile duly registered and a registration certificate delivered to the veteran
11   without the requirement of the payment of any fee.

12   Any veteran who has lost both legs or the use of both legs and who has registered a motor
13   vehicle without the payment of a fee as provided in this section upon certification by the
14   Veterans Administration or appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces must
15   be issued special designating plates for each vehicle owned by the veteran. Those
16   designating plates must be issued by the Secretary of State and must bear the words
17   "Disabled Veteran."

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

20   **2. Disabled veterans; special free license plates.** The Secretary of State, on
21   application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section
22   1482, shall issue to any 100% disabled veteran a registration certificate and set of special
23   designating plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates for a each vehicle with a
24   registered gross weight of not more than 10,000 pounds to any 100% disabled veteran
25   owned by the veteran when that application is accompanied by certification from the
26   United States Veterans Administration or any branch of the United States Armed Forces
27   as to the veteran's permanent disability and receipt of 100% service-connected benefits.
28   A disability placard is issued in addition to the disabled veteran registration plate at no
29   fee.

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

32   **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§2-A,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 734, §2, is
33   amended to read:

34   **2-A. Disabled veterans motorcycle license plates.** The Secretary of State shall
35   issue to any 100% disabled veteran a registration certificate and special designating plate
36   for a each motorcycle owned by the veteran to be used in lieu of a registration plate
37   issued in subsection 2 to any 100% disabled veteran if an applicant submits the following
38   together with an application:

39   A. Evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482; and

1   B.   Certification from the United States Veterans Administration or any branch of
2   the United States Armed Forces as to the veteran's permanent disability and receipt of
3   100% service-connected benefits.

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

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill allows a disabled veteran to have a set of disabled veteran license plates for
9 each vehicle owned by the veteran.