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House of Representatives, February 12, 2015

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

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, BLACK of Wilton, GREENWOOD of Wales,
HANLEY of Pittston, LONG of Sherman, PICKETT of Dixfield, TIMBERLAKE of Turner,
TURNER of Burlington.

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

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

4 **9-A. Enforcement of disability parking restrictions.** A law enforcement officer
5 may enforce disability parking restrictions. The State Police shall enforce disability
6 parking restrictions at service facilities established on the Maine Turnpike and on the
7 interstate highway system in the State. A person commits a traffic infraction if that
8 person parks in a parking space designated and clearly marked for persons with physical
9 disabilities and has not been issued or is not transporting a person who has been issued a
10 disability registration plate or a removable windshield placard pursuant to this section or
11 section 523 or a disability registration plate or placard issued by another state. A person
12 commits a traffic infraction if that person parks in an access aisle, regardless of whether
13 the person has been issued a disability registration plate or removable placard. A person
14 who violates this subsection is subject to a fine of not less than \$200 and not more than
15 \$500. Testimony under oath with clear photographic evidence from a person with a
16 disability as defined under subsection 1 or the driver of a vehicle transporting a person
17 with a disability as defined under subsection 1 that a vehicle was parked in violation of
18 this subsection is prima facie evidence of a violation of this subsection.

19 **SUMMARY**

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