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An Act to Provide Free or Reduced-cost Vehicle Registration to All Disabled Veterans

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Cumberland,
Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, HYMES of Waldo.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 43, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Disabled veterans; special free license plates.** The Secretary of State, on
5 application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section
6 1482, shall issue a registration certificate and set of special designating plates to be used in
7 lieu of regular registration plates for a vehicle with a registered gross weight of not more
8 than 26,000 pounds to any ~~100%~~ disabled veteran when that application is accompanied by
9 certification from the United States Veterans Administration or any branch of the United
10 States Armed Forces as to the veteran's ~~permanent~~ disability and receipt of ~~100%~~ service-
11 connected benefits. A disability placard is issued in addition to the disabled veteran
12 registration plate at ~~no fee~~ a fee reduced by the percentage the veteran is designated as
13 disabled.

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

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill amends the provision of law that provides disability placards, registration
18 certificates and license plates at no fee to 100% disabled veterans to instead provide that
19 all disabled veterans are eligible for a reduced fee proportional to their disability.