
Transportation Committee

HB 2283

Brief Description: Modifying the display requirement for certain parking placards.

Sponsors: Representatives Hunt and Reykdal.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires disabled parking placards to be displayed in a manner that allows the entire placard to be viewed through the vehicle windshield.
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Hearing Date: 1/16/12

Staff: Alison Hellberg (786-7152).

Background:

The Department of Licensing (Department) must grant special parking privileges to a person with a disability who meets at least one of the following criteria, as determined by a licensed physician, advanced nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant:

- cannot walk further than 200 feet without stopping to rest;
- is severely limited in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition;
- is so severely disabled that the person cannot walk without an assistive device;
- uses portable oxygen;
- is restricted by lung disease to a particular extent;
- is impaired by cardiovascular disease or cardiac condition to a particular extent;
- has a disability resulting from acute sensitivity to automobile emissions that impairs the ability to walk;
- is legally blind and has limited mobility; or
- has a form of porphyria to the extent that the applicant would significantly benefit from a decrease in exposure to light.

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If a person is granted a special parking privilege, the DOL must provide the person with either special license plates or parking placards containing the international symbol of access. Parking placards must be hung on a rearview mirror or displayed on a dashboard.

Summary of Bill:

A parking placard issued to a person with a disability must be displayed in a manner that allows the entire placard to be viewed through the vehicle windshield.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.