

FINAL BILL REPORT

EHB 2003

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing special parking privileges for certain organizations that dispatch taxicab vehicles or vehicles for hire that transport persons with disabilities.

Sponsors: Representatives Kloba, Kagi, Ortiz-Self, Tarleton, McBride, Ormsby and Fey.

House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background:

The Department of Licensing (DOL) must grant special parking privileges to a person with a disability who meets at least one condition of a specified list of criteria, as determined by a licensed physician, advanced nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. For individuals granted a special parking privilege, the DOL must provide an identification card and either special license plates or parking placards containing the international symbol of access. Parking privileges for persons with disabilities must be renewed at least every five years. Parking placards and identification cards must be immediately returned to the DOL upon the placard holder's death.

Certain organizations that transport persons with qualifying disabilities may also apply for special parking privileges. Such organizations include public transportation authorities, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, senior citizen centers, private nonprofit corporations, registered cabulance companies, and accessible van rental companies. Organizations that receive the special parking privileges are responsible for ensuring that the parking placards and special license plates are not used improperly and are responsible for all fines and penalties for improper use.

Summary:

Companies that dispatch taxicab vehicles or vehicles for hire are added to the list of organizations that may apply for special parking privileges. The parking placards and special license plates for these companies are for vehicles equipped with wheelchair accessible lifts or ramps for the transport of persons with disabilities and that are regularly dispatched and used in the transport of such persons. These vehicles may only use special parking privileges

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while in service, defined as in the process of picking up, transporting, or discharging a passenger.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0	
Senate	48	0	(Senate amended)
House	96	0	(House concurred)

Effective: July 23, 2017