

ASSEMBLY, No. 1659

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman FRISCIA

1 AN ACT concerning handicapped parking and supplementing chapter
2 4 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The director shall issue a handicapped person identification card
8 and corresponding windshield placard upon the application of the
9 American Red Cross for use in a vehicle owned or operated by that
10 organization when that vehicle is used to transport handicapped
11 persons. The identification card and corresponding windshield placard
12 shall identify the American Red Cross as the owner or operator and
13 the registration number of the vehicle for which the card is issued, and
14 shall state that the American Red Cross is validly qualified to receive
15 the identification card and corresponding windshield placard; the
16 identification card and corresponding windshield placard are for the
17 exclusive use of the vehicle owned or operated by the American Red
18 Cross when transporting a handicapped person; the identification card
19 and corresponding windshield placard are not transferable and will be
20 forfeited if used for purposes not authorized under this act; and an
21 abuse of any privilege, benefit, precedence or consideration granted to
22 the organization to which the identification card and corresponding
23 windshield placard are issued will be sufficient cause for revocation of
24 the identification card and corresponding windshield placard and the
25 same may be forfeited or revoked accordingly, and in the absence of
26 a forfeiture or revocation, the identification card and corresponding
27 windshield placard are valid indefinitely.

28 The windshield placard shall be displayed on the vehicle when the
29 vehicle is used to transport handicapped persons. A vehicle displaying
30 this windshield placard is authorized to park in a space appropriately
31 marked for vehicles for the physically handicapped only when
32 delivering or receiving handicapped persons from one location to
33 another. The vehicle is not permitted to park in designated
34 handicapped parking spaces when it is not transporting handicapped
35 persons.

36 The director shall not charge a fee for the issuance of the
37 identification card and corresponding windshield placard issued

1 pursuant to this section.

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3 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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8 This bill authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles
9 in the Department of Law and Public Safety to issue a handicapped
10 parking permit and placard for a vehicle owned and operated by the
11 American Red Cross which is used to transport handicapped persons.

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13 The bill does not provide for a fee for the identification card and
14 placard; under current law (R.S.39:3-27), the American Red Cross
15 does not pay registration fees for its vehicles.

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20 Provides that handicapped parking permits may be issued to vehicles
21 owned by American Red Cross.