

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 34

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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By Assemblywoman FARRAGHER

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** memorializing the Congress of the United States
2 to enact legislation providing for state reciprocity in the recognition of
3 parking privileges for the handicapped.

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5 **WHEREAS**, The federal and state governments of this nation have as a matter
6 of public policy recognized the right of handicapped citizens to function
7 with dignity as independent, self-sufficient and productive members of our
8 society; and

9 **WHEREAS**, In furtherance of this enlightened and humane policy, state and
10 local governments have enacted laws and ordinances to designate
11 convenient parking spaces for the exclusive use of motor vehicles driven or
12 used by handicapped persons; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Handicapped persons who have been certified under the motor
14 vehicle laws as eligible to use these special parking privileges in one state
15 frequently are required to drive their vehicles, for reasons of business or
16 pleasure, to other states where they are not so certified; and

17 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey Public Law 1986, chapter 25, guarantees
18 handicapped persons with wheelchair symbol license plates or other
19 appropriate permits issued in other states the right to park their vehicles in
20 spaces reserved for handicapped residents anywhere in this State; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Many other states and their local governments do not similarly
22 grant reciprocal parking privileges, thereby creating undue economic,
23 physical and psychic hardships for handicapped drivers resident in New
24 Jersey and other states; now, therefore,

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26 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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28 1. That this House, in affirming the right of handicapped drivers to travel
29 independently across state borders and to park in locations convenient to their
30 intended destinations, hereby urges the New Jersey Congressional delegation
31 and all members of the United States Congress to support and vote for
32 legislation to require all states and their respective political subdivisions to
33 recognize and honor the duly authorized parking privileges granted to

1 handicapped persons resident in any other state or political subdivision.

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3 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker and
4 attested by the Clerk, shall be transmitted to the Vice President of the United
5 States and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and
6 to each of the members of Congress elected from this State.

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9 STATEMENT

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11 This Assembly resolution urges the New Jersey Congressional delegation
12 and all the members of the United States Congress to support legislation that
13 would require all states and their political subdivisions to practice reciprocity
14 with respect to parking privileges of handicapped persons.

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19 Urges federal law establishing reciprocity for handicapped parking privileges.