

SENATE, No. 542

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BASSANO

1 **AN ACT** concerning handicapped parking and amending P.L.1949,
2 c.280.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. The term "handicapped person" as employed herein shall include
10 any person who has lost the use of one or more limbs as a
11 consequence of paralysis, amputation, or other permanent disability or
12 who is permanently disabled as to be unable to ambulate without the
13 aid of an assisting device or whose mobility is otherwise limited as
14 certified by a physician with a plenary license to practice medicine and
15 surgery or a podiatrist or chiropractor licensed to practice in this State
16 or a bordering state.

17 (cf: P.L.1991, c.49, s.1)

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19 2. Section 3 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-206) is amended to read
20 as follows:

21 3. The director shall issue to such applicant, also, a placard of such
22 size and design as shall be determined by the director in consultation
23 with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the
24 Department of Labor, indicating that a handicapped person
25 identification card has been issued to the person designated therein,
26 which shall be displayed in such manner as the director shall determine
27 on the motor vehicle used to transport the handicapped person, when
28 the vehicle is parked overtime or in special parking places established
29 for use by handicapped persons.

30 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the chief
31 of police of each municipality in this State shall issue to any person
32 who has temporarily lost the use of one or more limbs or is
33 temporarily disabled as to be unable to ambulate without the aid of an
34 assisting device or whose mobility is otherwise temporarily limited, as

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 certified by a physician with a plenary license to practice medicine and
2 surgery or a podiatrist or chiropractor licensed to practice in this State
3 or a bordering state, a temporary placard of not more than six months'
4 duration. Each temporary handicapped placard issued under the
5 provisions of this section shall set forth the date on which it shall
6 become invalid.

7 The temporary placard shall be granted upon written certification
8 by a physician with a plenary license to practice medicine and surgery
9 or a podiatrist or chiropractor licensed to practice in this State or a
10 bordering state that the person meets the conditions constituting
11 temporary disability as provided in this section. This certification shall
12 be provided on a standard form to be developed by the director in
13 consultation with local chiefs of police and representatives of the
14 handicapped. The form shall contain only those conditions
15 constituting temporary disability as are provided in this section. The
16 physical presence of the handicapped person shall not be required for
17 the issuance of a temporary handicapped placard.

18 The placard may be renewed one time at the discretion of the
19 issuing authority for a period of not more than six months' duration.
20 The placard shall be displayed on the motor vehicle used by the
21 temporarily handicapped person and shall give the person the right to
22 park overtime or to use special parking places established for use by
23 handicapped persons in any municipality of this State.

24 The fee for the issuance of such temporary or permanent placard
25 issued pursuant to this section shall be \$4.00 and payable to the
26 Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

27 The director may, in addition, issue license plates bearing the
28 national wheelchair symbol for:

29 a. Not more than two motor vehicles owned, operated or leased by
30 a handicapped person or by any person furnishing transportation on his
31 behalf; or

32 b. Any two motorcycles owned, operated or leased by a
33 handicapped person.

34 The fee for the issuance of such plates shall be \$10.00 for each
35 vehicle.

36 (cf: P.L.1993, c.277, s.1)

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38 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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41 STATEMENT

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43 This bill permits a chiropractor licensed to practice in this State or
44 a bordering state to certify that a person meets the definition of
45 "handicapped person" in section 1 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204) in
46 order for the Director of Motor Vehicles to authorize that person to

1 use parking spaces designated for the handicapped. Currently, only a
2 licensed physician or podiatrist may grant this certification.

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7 Permits chiropractor to certify person as handicapped for purposes of
8 handicapped parking.