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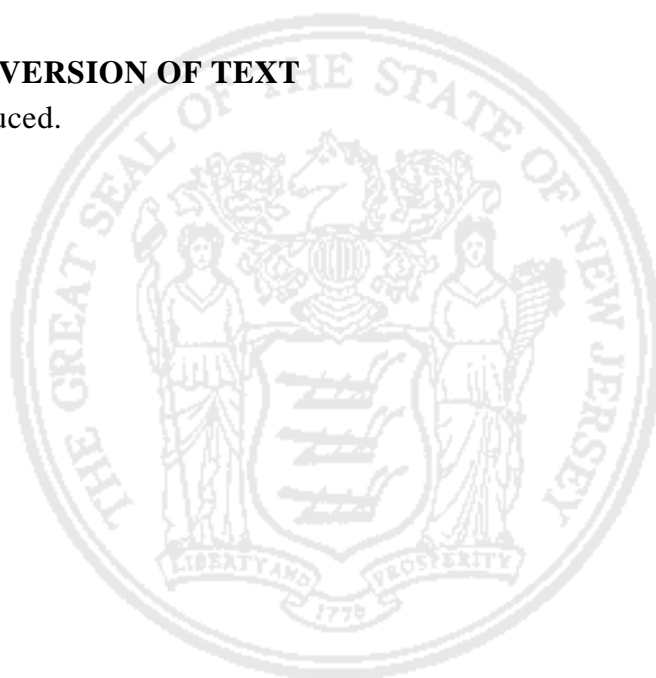
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Senator Bassano**

SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/14/1999)

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
10 include 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 licensed to practice in this State or a
16 bordering state **[or]** ; a physician stationed at a military or naval
17 installation located in this State who is licensed to practice in any state
18 ; or, a chiropractic physician licensed to practice in this State or a
19 bordering state.

20 (cf: P.L.1997, c.267, s.1)

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

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

33 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the chief
34 of police of each municipality in this State shall issue a temporary
35 placard of not more than six months duration to any person who has
36 temporarily lost the use of one or more limbs or is temporarily disabled
37 as to be unable to ambulate without the aid of an assisting device or
38 whose mobility is otherwise temporarily limited, as certified by a
39 physician with a plenary license to practice medicine and surgery
40 **[or]** ; a podiatrist licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state
41 **[,or]** ; a physician stationed at a military or naval installation located
42 in this State who is licensed to practice in any state ; or a chiropractic

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 physician licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state [, a
2 temporary placard of not more than six months' duration]. Each
3 temporary handicapped placard issued under the provisions of this
4 section shall set forth the date on which it shall become invalid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (cf: P.L.1997, c.267, s.2)

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37 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill permits a chiropractic physician licensed to practice in this
42 State or a bordering state to certify that a person meets the definition
43 of "handicapped person" in section 1 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204)
44 in order for the Director of Motor Vehicles to authorize that person
45 to use parking spaces designated for the handicapped. Currently, only
46 a licensed physician or podiatrist may grant this certification.