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By Representatives Kloba, Kagi, Ortiz-Self, Tarleton, McBride, Ormsby, and Fey

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to special parking privileges for certain
- 2 organizations that dispatch taxicab vehicles or vehicles for hire
- 3 that transport persons with disabilities; amending RCW 46.19.020;
- 4 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.19.020 and 2015 c 228 s 37 are each amended to 7 read as follows:
- 8 (1) The following organizations may apply for special parking 9 privileges:
- 10 (a) Public transportation authorities;
- 11 (b) Nursing homes licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW;
- 12 (c) Assisted living facilities licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW;
- 13 (d) Senior citizen centers;
- 14 (e) Accessible van rental companies registered with the 15 department;
- 16 (f) Private nonprofit corporations, as defined in RCW 24.03.005;
 17 ((and))
- 18 (g) Cabulance companies that regularly transport persons with 19 disabilities who have been determined eligible for special parking
- 20 privileges under this section and who are registered with the
- 21 department under chapter 46.72 RCW; and

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(h) Companies that dispatch taxicab vehicles under chapter 81.72 RCW or vehicles for hire under chapter 46.72 RCW, for such vehicles that are 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.

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- (2) An organization that qualifies for special parking privileges may receive, upon application, special license plates or parking placards, or both, for persons with disabilities as defined by the department.
- (3) ((Public transportation authorities, nursing homes, assisted 10 living facilities, senior citizen centers, accessible van rental 11 companies, private nonprofit corporations, and cabulance services 12 are)) An organization that qualifies for special parking privileges 13 under subsection (1) of this section and receives parking placards or 14 special license plates under subsection (2) of this section is 15 16 responsible for ensuring that the parking placards and special 17 license plates are not used improperly and ((are)) is responsible for 18 all fines and penalties for improper use.
- 19 (4) The department shall adopt rules to determine organization 20 eligibility.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2017.

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