
HOUSE BILL 1515

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1 AN ACT Relating to signed written authorizations for special
2 parking privileges; and amending RCW 46.19.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.19.010 and 2014 c 124 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A natural person who has a disability that meets one of the
7 following criteria may apply for special parking privileges:

8 (a) Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest;

9 (b) Is severely limited in ability to walk due to arthritic,
10 neurological, or orthopedic condition;

11 (c) Has such a severe disability that the person cannot walk
12 without the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, another person,
13 prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device;

14 (d) Uses portable oxygen;

15 (e) Is restricted by lung disease to an extent that forced
16 expiratory respiratory volume, when measured by spirometry, is less
17 than one liter per second or the arterial oxygen tension is less than
18 sixty mm/hg on room air at rest;

19 (f) Impairment by cardiovascular disease or cardiac condition to
20 the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified as

1 class III or IV under standards accepted by the American heart
2 association;

3 (g) Has a disability resulting from an acute sensitivity to
4 automobile emissions that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The
5 personal physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or
6 physician assistant of the applicant shall document that the
7 disability is comparable in severity to the others listed in this
8 subsection;

9 (h) Has limited mobility and has no vision or whose vision with
10 corrective lenses is so limited that the person requires alternative
11 methods or skills to do efficiently those things that are ordinarily
12 done with sight by persons with normal vision;

13 (i) Has an eye condition of a progressive nature that may lead to
14 blindness; or

15 (j) Is restricted by a form of porphyria to the extent that the
16 applicant would significantly benefit from a decrease in exposure to
17 light.

18 (2) The disability must be determined by either:

19 (a) A licensed physician;

20 (b) An advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under
21 chapter 18.79 RCW; or

22 (c) A physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A or 18.57A
23 RCW.

24 (3) A health care practitioner listed under subsection (2) of
25 this section who is authorizing a parking permit for purposes of this
26 chapter must provide a signed written authorization: On (~~tamper-~~
27 ~~resistant~~) a prescription pad or paper, as defined in RCW
28 18.64.500(~~, if the practitioner has prescriptive authority. An~~
29 ~~authorized health care practitioner without prescriptive authority~~
30 ~~must provide the signed written authorization on his or her office~~
31 ~~letterhead. Such authorizations must be attached to the application~~
32 ~~for special parking privileges for persons with disabilities)); on
33 office letterhead; or by electronic means.~~

34 (4) The application for special parking privileges for persons
35 with disabilities must contain:

36 (a) The following statement immediately below the physician's,
37 advanced registered nurse practitioner's, or physician assistant's
38 signature: "A parking permit for a person with disabilities may be
39 issued only for a medical necessity that severely affects mobility or
40 involves acute sensitivity to light (RCW 46.19.010). An applicant or

1 health care practitioner who knowingly provides false information on
2 this application is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. The penalty is up
3 to three hundred sixty-four days in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000
4 or both. In addition, the health care practitioner may be subject to
5 sanctions under chapter 18.130 RCW, the Uniform Disciplinary Act";
6 and

7 (b) Other information as required by the department.

8 (5) A natural person who has a disability described in subsection
9 (1) of this section and is expected to improve within twelve months
10 may be issued a temporary placard for a period not to exceed twelve
11 months. If the disability exists after twelve months, a new temporary
12 placard must be issued upon receipt of a new application with
13 certification from the person's physician as prescribed in
14 subsections (3) and (4) of this section. Special license plates for
15 persons with disabilities may not be issued to a person with a
16 temporary disability.

17 (6) A natural person who qualifies for special parking privileges
18 under this section must receive an identification card showing the
19 name and date of birth of the person to whom the parking privilege
20 has been issued and the serial number of the placard.

21 (7) A natural person who qualifies for permanent special parking
22 privileges under this section may receive one of the following:

23 (a) Up to two parking placards;

24 (b) One set of special license plates for persons with
25 disabilities if the person with the disability is the registered
26 owner of the vehicle on which the license plates will be displayed;

27 (c) One parking placard and one set of special license plates for
28 persons with disabilities if the person with the disability is the
29 registered owner of the vehicle on which the license plates will be
30 displayed; or

31 (d) One special parking year tab for persons with disabilities
32 and one parking placard.

33 (8) Parking placards and identification cards described in this
34 section must be issued free of charge.

35 (9) The parking placard and identification card must be
36 immediately returned to the department upon the placard holder's
37 death.

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