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By Senators Hunt and King

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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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