

**SHB 1371** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 46.19.010 and 2020 c 80 s 32 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

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

7 (a) Cannot walk (~~two hundred~~) 200 feet without stopping to  
8 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~~) 60 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  
21 class III or IV under standards accepted by the American heart  
22 association;

23 (g) Has a disability resulting from an acute sensitivity to  
24 automobile emissions that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The  
25 personal physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or  
26 physician assistant of the applicant shall document that the  
27 disability is comparable in severity to the others listed in this  
28 subsection;

29 (h) Has limited mobility and has no vision or whose vision with  
30 corrective lenses is so limited that the person requires alternative

1 methods or skills to do efficiently those things that are ordinarily  
2 done with sight by persons with normal vision;

3 (i) Has an eye condition of a progressive nature that may lead to  
4 blindness; (~~or~~)

5 (j) Is restricted by a form of porphyria to the extent that the  
6 applicant would significantly benefit from a decrease in exposure to  
7 light; or

8 (k) Is a veteran, as defined in RCW 41.04.007, who has a 70  
9 percent or higher disability rating from the United States armed  
10 forces or United States department of veterans affairs and uses a  
11 service animal as defined in 28 C.F.R. 35.104.

12 (2) The disability in subsection (1)(a) through (j) of this  
13 section must be determined by either:

14 (a) A licensed physician;

15 (b) An advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under  
16 chapter 18.79 RCW; or

17 (c) A physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW.

18 (3) A health care practitioner listed under subsection (2) of  
19 this section who is authorizing a parking permit for purposes of this  
20 chapter must provide a signed written authorization: On a  
21 prescription pad or paper, as defined in RCW 18.64.500; on office  
22 letterhead; or by electronic means, as described by the director in  
23 rule.

24 ~~((4) The application for special parking privileges for persons~~  
25 ~~with disabilities must contain:~~

26 ~~(a) The following statement immediately below the physician's,~~  
27 ~~advanced registered nurse practitioner's, or physician assistant's~~  
28 ~~signature: "A parking permit for a person with disabilities may be~~  
29 ~~issued only for a medical necessity that severely affects mobility or~~  
30 ~~involves acute sensitivity to light (RCW 46.19.010). An applicant or~~  
31 ~~health care practitioner who knowingly provides false information on~~  
32 ~~this application is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. The penalty is up~~  
33 ~~to three hundred sixty-four days in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000~~  
34 ~~or both. In addition, the health care practitioner may be subject to~~  
35 ~~sanctions under chapter 18.130 RCW, the Uniform Disciplinary Act";~~  
36 ~~and~~

37 ~~(b) Other information as required by the department.~~

38 ~~(5) A natural person who has a disability described in subsection~~  
39 ~~(1) of this section and is expected to improve within twelve months~~  
40 ~~may be issued a temporary placard for a period not to exceed twelve~~

1 months. If the disability exists after twelve months, a new temporary  
2 placard must be issued upon receipt of a new application with  
3 certification from the person's physician as prescribed in  
4 subsections (3) and (4) of this section. Special license plates for  
5 persons with disabilities may not be issued to a person with a  
6 temporary disability.

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

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

13 ~~(a) Up to two parking placards;~~

14 ~~(b) One set of special license plates for persons with~~  
15 ~~disabilities if the person with the disability is the registered~~  
16 ~~owner of the vehicle on which the license plates will be displayed;~~

17 ~~(c) One parking placard and one set of special license plates for~~  
18 ~~persons with disabilities if the person with the disability is the~~  
19 ~~registered owner of the vehicle on which the license plates will be~~  
20 ~~displayed; or~~

21 ~~(d) One special parking year tab for persons with disabilities~~  
22 ~~and one parking placard.~~

23 ~~(8) Parking placards and identification cards described in this~~  
24 ~~section must be issued free of charge.~~

25 ~~(9) The parking placard and identification card must be~~  
26 ~~immediately returned to the department upon the placard holder's~~  
27 ~~death.))~~

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.19  
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 (1) The application for special parking privileges for persons  
31 with disabilities must contain:

32 (a) The following statement immediately below the physician's,  
33 advanced registered nurse practitioner's, or physician assistant's  
34 signature: "A parking permit for a person with disabilities may be  
35 issued only for a medical necessity that severely affects mobility or  
36 involves acute sensitivity to light (RCW 46.19.010). An applicant or  
37 health care practitioner who knowingly provides false information on  
38 this application is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. The penalty is up  
39 to 364 days in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000 or both. In addition,

1 the health care practitioner may be subject to sanctions under  
2 chapter 18.130 RCW, the Uniform Disciplinary Act"; and

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

4 (2) A natural person who has a disability described in RCW  
5 46.19.010(1) and is expected to improve within 12 months may be  
6 issued a temporary placard for a period not to exceed 12 months. If  
7 the disability exists after 12 months, a new temporary placard must  
8 be issued upon receipt of a new application with certification from  
9 the person's physician as prescribed in RCW 46.19.010(3) and  
10 subsection (1) of this section. Special license plates for persons  
11 with disabilities may not be issued to a person with a temporary  
12 disability.

13 (3) A natural person or veteran who qualifies for special parking  
14 privileges under this section must receive an identification card  
15 showing the name and date of birth of the person to whom the parking  
16 privilege has been issued and the serial number of the placard.

17 (4) A natural person or veteran who qualifies for permanent  
18 special parking privileges under RCW 46.19.010 may receive one of the  
19 following:

20 (a) Up to two parking placards;

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

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

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

30 (5) Parking placards and identification cards described in this  
31 section must be issued free of charge.

32 (6) The parking placard and identification card must be  
33 immediately returned to the department upon the placard holder's  
34 death.

35 (7) This section expires October 1, 2035.

36 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.19.040 and 2014 c 124 s 5 are each amended to  
37 read as follows:

38 (1) Parking privileges for persons with disabilities must be  
39 renewed at least every five years, as required by the director, by

1 satisfactory proof of the right to continued use of the privileges.  
2 Satisfactory proof must include a signed written authorization from a  
3 health care practitioner as required in RCW 46.19.010(3) or proof  
4 that the applicant satisfies the criteria of RCW 46.19.010(1)(k).  
5 Parking privileges for qualifying veterans issued pursuant to RCW  
6 46.19.010(1)(k) or renewed under this subsection, between October 1,  
7 2030, and October 1, 2035, are valid for the entire five-year period.

8 (2) The department shall match and purge its database of parking  
9 permits issued to persons with disabilities with available death  
10 record information at least every (~~twelve~~) 12 months.

11 (3) The department shall adopt rules to administer the parking  
12 privileges for persons with disabilities program, including any  
13 documentation or materials required for a veteran to satisfy the  
14 criteria under RCW 46.19.010(1)(k).

15 (4) The department shall report to the appropriate committees of  
16 the legislature the number of veterans who qualify and apply for  
17 special parking privileges under RCW 46.19.010(1)(k) and receive an  
18 identification card and parking placards, special license plates, or  
19 tabs as described under section 2 (3) or (4) of this act by December  
20 31, 2026, and by December 31, 2034.

21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 41.04.007 and 2024 c 146 s 3 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 "Veteran" includes every person who, at the time he or she seeks  
24 the benefits of RCW 46.18.212, 46.18.235, 46.19.010, 72.36.030,  
25 41.04.010, 73.04.090, or 43.180.250, has received a qualifying  
26 discharge as defined in RCW 73.04.005, and who has served in at least  
27 one of the following capacities:

28 (1) As a member in any branch of the armed forces of the United  
29 States, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, and  
30 has fulfilled his or her initial military service obligation;

31 (2) As a member of the women's air forces service pilots;

32 (3) As a member of the armed forces reserves, national guard, or  
33 coast guard, and has been called into federal service by a  
34 presidential select reserve call up for at least one hundred eighty  
35 cumulative days;

36 (4) As a civil service crewmember with service aboard a U.S. army  
37 transport service or U.S. naval transportation service vessel in  
38 oceangoing service from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946;

1 (5) As a member of the Philippine armed forces/scouts during the  
2 period of armed conflict from December 7, 1941, through August 15,  
3 1945; or

4 (6) A United States documented merchant mariner with service  
5 aboard an oceangoing vessel operated by the department of defense, or  
6 its agents, from both June 25, 1950, through July 27, 1953, in Korean  
7 territorial waters and from August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975, in  
8 Vietnam territorial waters, and who received a military commendation.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect October 1, 2025.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this act expire  
11 October 1, 2035."

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12 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "veterans;" strike the  
13 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 46.19.010, 46.19.040,  
14 and 41.04.007; adding a new section to chapter 46.19 RCW; providing  
15 an effective date; and providing expiration dates."

EFFECT: • Directs the Department of Licensing to clarify in its  
rules the documentation and materials required for veterans to  
qualify for special parking privileges.

• Requires the Department of Licensing to report to the  
Legislature the number of qualifying veterans that receive special  
parking privilege identification cards and placards by December 31,  
2026, and by December 31, 2034.

• Expires the issuance of special parking privilege  
identification cards and placards to qualifying veterans after 10  
years, but retains the five year validity of special parking  
privileges for qualifying veterans issued or renewed between October  
1, 2030, and October 1, 2035.

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