

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1371

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning parking privileges for veterans.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Orcutt, Klicker, Couture, Jacobsen, Leavitt, Ley, Simmons, Shavers and Dufault).

**House Committee on Transportation**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation**

### **Background:**

Eligibility to apply for special parking privileges for individuals with disabilities are available to people who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- cannot walk 200 feet without stopping or resting;
- are severely limited in ability to walk due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition;
- require the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device to walk;
- use portable oxygen;
- are restricted by lung disease to an extent that forced expiratory respiratory volume is affected in certain specified ways;
- are impaired by cardiovascular disease or cardiac condition resulting in certain specified functional limitations;
- have a disability resulting from an acute sensitivity to automobile emissions that limits or impairs the ability to walk, and the disability is comparable to other qualifying disabilities;
- have limited mobility and no vision, or whose vision with corrective lenses is so limited that the person requires alternative methods or skills to efficiently do things;
- have an eye condition of a progressive nature that may lead to blindness; or
- are restricted by a form of porphyria to the extent that the applicant would significantly benefit from a decrease in exposure to light.

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The disability must be determined by a licensed physician, a licensed advanced registered nurse practitioner, or a licensed physician assistant. A health care practitioner with authority to write prescriptions must provide a signed written authorization by electronic means or on a tamper-resistant prescription pad or paper.

Parking privileges for individuals with disabilities must be renewed at least every five years.

**Summary:**

Veterans who have received a qualifying discharge with a 70 percent disability rating or higher from the United States (US) Armed Forces or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and who use a service animal, as service animal is defined in federal law, are eligible to apply for special parking privileges for individuals with disabilities through October 1, 2035. To obtain or renew special parking privileges, the applicant must provide proof that these criteria have been met. These parking privileges are valid for a five-year period.

A service animal is defined in federal law as any dog that is individually trained to do work or to perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability.

The Department of Licensing (DOL) must adopt rules to administer these parking privileges, including rules specifying the documentation or materials required for eligibility.

The DOL is required to report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature the number of veterans who have received these parking privileges by December 31, 2026, and by December 31, 2034.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	96	0	
Senate	49	0	(Senate amended)
House	97	0	(House concurred)

**Effective:** October 1, 2025