

SENATE BILL NO. 113—SENATOR STEINBECK

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Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to parking privileges for persons with disabilities. (BDR 43-660)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; revising provisions governing the requirements for the issuance by the Department of Motor Vehicles of a special license plate or special or temporary parking placard or parking sticker; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law prohibits a person from parking a vehicle in a parking space
2 designated for persons who are handicapped unless the person is eligible to do so
3 and the vehicle displays a special license plate or special or temporary parking
4 placard or parking sticker inscribed with the international symbol of access. (NRS
5 484B.467) Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue such
6 a special license plate or special or temporary parking placard or parking sticker to
7 an applicant upon submission of an application that includes a statement from a
8 licensed physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse
9 certifying that the applicant is a person with a disability. (NRS 482.384) **Sections**
10 **1-4** of this bill additionally authorize an occupational therapist or physical therapist
11 to certify that the applicant is a person with a disability for purposes of an
12 application for a special license plate or special or temporary parking placard or
13 parking sticker.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.3833 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 482.3833 “Person with a disability of moderate duration”
4 means a person:



1 1. With a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk;
2 and

3 2. Whose disability has been certified by a licensed physician,
4 physician assistant , ~~or~~ advanced practice registered nurse ,
5 *occupational therapist or physical therapist* as being reversible, but
6 estimated to last longer than 6 months.

7 **Sec. 2.** NRS 482.3837 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 482.3837 1. “Person with a permanent disability” means a
9 person:

10 (a) With a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk;
11 and

12 (b) Whose disability has been certified by a licensed physician,
13 physician assistant , ~~or~~ advanced practice registered nurse ,
14 *occupational therapist or physical therapist* as irreversible.

15 2. The term includes a person with a qualifying service-
16 connected disability, as that term is defined in subsection 1 or 2 of
17 NRS 482.0962.

18 **Sec. 3.** NRS 482.3839 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 482.3839 “Person with a temporary disability” means a person:

20 1. With a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk;
21 and

22 2. Whose disability has been certified by a licensed physician,
23 physician assistant , ~~or~~ advanced practice registered nurse ,
24 *occupational therapist or physical therapist* as estimated to last not
25 longer than 6 months.

26 **Sec. 4.** NRS 482.384 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 482.384 1. Upon the application of a person with a
28 permanent disability, the Department may issue special license
29 plates for a vehicle, including a motorcycle or moped, registered by
30 the applicant pursuant to this chapter. The application must include
31 a statement from a licensed physician, physician assistant , ~~or~~
32 advanced practice registered nurse , *occupational therapist or*
33 *physical therapist* certifying that the applicant is a person with a
34 permanent disability or a certificate from the United States
35 Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of
36 Defense which indicates the applicant has incurred a qualifying
37 service-connected disability, as that term is defined in subsection 1
38 or 2 of NRS 482.0962, as applicable. The issuance of a special
39 license plate to a person with a permanent disability pursuant to this
40 subsection does not preclude the issuance to such a person of a
41 special parking placard for a vehicle other than a motorcycle or
42 moped or a special parking sticker for a motorcycle or moped
43 pursuant to subsection 6.

44 2. Every year after the initial issuance of special license plates
45 to a person with a permanent disability, the Department shall require



1 the person to renew the special license plates in accordance with the
2 procedures for renewal of registration pursuant to this chapter. The
3 Department shall not require a person with a permanent disability to
4 include with the application for renewal a statement from a licensed
5 physician, physician assistant , ~~or~~ advanced practice registered
6 nurse , *occupational therapist or physical therapist* certifying that
7 the person is a person with a permanent disability or a certificate
8 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United
9 States Department of Defense which indicates the applicant has
10 incurred a qualifying service-connected disability, as that term is
11 defined in subsection 1 or 2 of NRS 482.0962, as applicable.

12 3. Upon the application of an organization which provides
13 transportation for a person with a permanent disability, disability of
14 moderate duration or temporary disability, the Department may
15 issue special license plates for a vehicle registered by the
16 organization pursuant to this chapter, or the Department may issue
17 special parking placards to the organization pursuant to this section
18 to be used on vehicles providing transportation to such persons. The
19 application must include a statement from the organization
20 certifying that:

21 (a) The vehicle for which the special license plates are issued is
22 used primarily to transport persons with permanent disabilities,
23 disabilities of moderate duration or temporary disabilities; or

24 (b) The organization which is issued the special parking
25 placards will only use such placards on vehicles that actually
26 transport persons with permanent disabilities, disabilities of
27 moderate duration or temporary disabilities.

28 4. The Department may charge a fee for special license plates
29 issued pursuant to this section not to exceed the fee charged for the
30 issuance of license plates for the same class of vehicle.

31 5. Special license plates issued pursuant to this section must
32 display the international symbol of access in a color which contrasts
33 with the background and is the same size as the numerals and letters
34 on the plate.

35 6. Upon the application of a person with a permanent disability
36 or disability of moderate duration, the Department may issue:

37 (a) A special parking placard for a vehicle other than a
38 motorcycle or moped. Upon request, the Department may issue one
39 additional placard to an applicant to whom special license plates
40 have not been issued pursuant to this section.

41 (b) A special parking sticker for a motorcycle or moped.
42 ↪ The application must include a statement from a licensed
43 physician, physician assistant , ~~or~~ advanced practice registered
44 nurse , *occupational therapist or physical therapist* certifying that
45 the applicant is a person with a permanent disability or disability of



1 moderate duration or a certificate from the United States
2 Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of
3 Defense which indicates the applicant has incurred a qualifying
4 service-connected disability, as that term is defined in subsection 1
5 or 2 of NRS 482.0962, as applicable.

6 7. A special parking placard issued pursuant to subsection 6
7 must:

8 (a) Have inscribed on it the international symbol of access
9 which is at least 3 inches in height, is centered on the placard and is
10 white on a blue background;

11 (b) Have an identification number and date of expiration of:

12 (1) If the special parking placard is issued to a person with a
13 permanent disability, 10 years after the initial date of issuance; or

14 (2) If the special parking placard is issued to a person with a
15 disability of moderate duration, 2 years after the initial date of
16 issuance;

17 (c) Have placed or inscribed on it the seal or other identification
18 of the Department; and

19 (d) Have a form of attachment which enables a person using the
20 placard to display the placard from the rearview mirror of the
21 vehicle.

22 8. A special parking sticker issued pursuant to subsection 6
23 must:

24 (a) Have inscribed on it the international symbol of access
25 which complies with any applicable federal standards, is centered on
26 the sticker and is white on a blue background;

27 (b) Have an identification number and a date of expiration of:

28 (1) If the special parking sticker is issued to a person with a
29 permanent disability, 10 years after the initial date of issuance; or

30 (2) If the special parking sticker is issued to a person with a
31 disability of moderate duration, 2 years after the initial date of
32 issuance; and

33 (c) Have placed or inscribed on it the seal or other identification
34 of the Department.

35 9. Before the date of expiration of a special parking placard or
36 special parking sticker issued to a person with a permanent
37 disability or disability of moderate duration, the person shall renew
38 the special parking placard or special parking sticker. If the
39 applicant for renewal is a person with a disability of moderate
40 duration, the applicant must include with the application for renewal
41 a statement from a licensed physician, physician assistant, ~~or~~
42 advanced practice registered nurse, *occupational therapist or*
43 *physical therapist* certifying that the applicant is a person with a
44 disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, and that such
45 disability, although not irreversible, is estimated to last longer than 6



1 months. A person with a permanent disability is not required to
2 submit evidence of a continuing disability with the application for
3 renewal.

4 10. The Department, or a city or county, may issue, and charge
5 a reasonable fee for, a temporary parking placard for a vehicle other
6 than a motorcycle or moped or a temporary parking sticker for a
7 motorcycle or moped upon the application of a person with a
8 temporary disability. Upon request, the Department, city or county
9 may issue one additional temporary parking placard to an applicant.
10 The application must include a certificate from a licensed physician,
11 physician assistant , ~~or~~ advanced practice registered nurse ,
12 *occupational therapist or physical therapist* indicating:

- 13 (a) That the applicant has a temporary disability; and
- 14 (b) The estimated period of the disability.

15 11. A temporary parking placard issued pursuant to subsection
16 10 must:

- 17 (a) Have inscribed on it the international symbol of access
18 which is at least 3 inches in height, is centered on the placard and is
19 white on a red background;
- 20 (b) Have an identification number and a date of expiration; and
- 21 (c) Have a form of attachment which enables a person using the
22 placard to display the placard from the rearview mirror of the
23 vehicle.

24 12. A temporary parking sticker issued pursuant to subsection
25 10 must:

- 26 (a) Have inscribed on it the international symbol of access
27 which is at least 3 inches in height, is centered on the sticker and is
28 white on a red background; and
- 29 (b) Have an identification number and a date of expiration.

30 13. A temporary parking placard or temporary parking sticker
31 is valid only for the period for which a physician, physician assistant
32 , ~~or~~ advanced practice registered nurse , *occupational therapist or*
33 *physical therapist* has certified the disability, but in no case longer
34 than 6 months. If the temporary disability continues after the period
35 for which the physician, physician assistant , ~~or~~ advanced practice
36 registered nurse , *occupational therapist or physical therapist* has
37 certified the disability, the person with the temporary disability must
38 renew the temporary parking placard or temporary parking sticker
39 before the temporary parking placard or temporary parking sticker
40 expires. The person with the temporary disability shall include with
41 the application for renewal a statement from a licensed physician,
42 physician assistant , ~~or~~ advanced practice registered nurse ,
43 *occupational therapist or physical therapist* certifying that the
44 applicant continues to be a person with a temporary disability and
45 the estimated period of the disability.



1 14. A special or temporary parking placard must be displayed
2 in the vehicle when the vehicle is parked by hanging or attaching the
3 placard to the rearview mirror of the vehicle. If the vehicle has no
4 rearview mirror, the placard must be placed on the dashboard of the
5 vehicle in such a manner that the placard can easily be seen from
6 outside the vehicle when the vehicle is parked.

7 15. Upon issuing a special license plate pursuant to subsection
8 1, a special or temporary parking placard, or a special or temporary
9 parking sticker, the Department, or the city or county, if applicable,
10 shall issue a letter to the applicant that sets forth the name and
11 address of the person with a permanent disability, disability of
12 moderate duration or temporary disability to whom the special
13 license plate, special or temporary parking placard or special or
14 temporary parking sticker has been issued and:

15 (a) If the person receives special license plates, the license plate
16 number designated for the plates; and

17 (b) If the person receives a special or temporary parking placard
18 or a special or temporary parking sticker, the identification number
19 and date of expiration indicated on the placard or sticker.

20 ↪ The letter, or a legible copy thereof, must be kept with the vehicle
21 for which the special license plate has been issued or in which the
22 person to whom the special or temporary parking placard or special
23 or temporary parking sticker has been issued is driving or is a
24 passenger.

25 16. A special or temporary parking sticker must be affixed to
26 the windscreen of the motorcycle or moped. If the motorcycle or
27 moped has no windscreen, the sticker must be affixed to any other
28 part of the motorcycle or moped which may be easily seen when the
29 motorcycle or moped is parked.

30 17. Special or temporary parking placards, special or
31 temporary parking stickers, or special license plates issued pursuant
32 to this section do not authorize parking in any area on a highway
33 where parking is prohibited by law.

34 18. No person, other than the person certified as being a person
35 with a permanent disability, disability of moderate duration or
36 temporary disability, or a person actually transporting such a person,
37 may use the special license plate or plates or a special or temporary
38 parking placard, or a special or temporary parking sticker issued
39 pursuant to this section to obtain any special parking privileges
40 available pursuant to this section.

41 19. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection 18 is
42 guilty of a misdemeanor.

43 20. The Department may review the eligibility of each holder
44 of a special parking placard, a special parking sticker or special
45 license plates, or any combination thereof. Upon a determination of



1 ineligibility by the Department, the holder shall surrender the
2 special parking placard, special parking sticker or special license
3 plates, or any combination thereof, to the Department.
4 21. The Department may adopt such regulations as are
5 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

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