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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Parking Access for Individuals with Disabilities**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying and adding certain physical conditions that qualify an  
4 individual for special registration plates, placards, and temporary placards;  
5 authorizing certain medical professionals to certify that individuals have certain  
6 physical conditions necessary to qualify for special registration plates, placards,  
7 and temporary placards; authorizing an applicant for special registration under  
8 this Act to self-certify the presence of certain conditions under certain  
9 circumstances; requiring certain individuals to pay certain parking meter fees  
10 under certain conditions; ~~exempting certain individuals from paying fees to~~  
11 ~~certain parking meters; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to create~~  
12 ~~certain parking placards; requiring certain individuals to have certain~~  
13 identification available for inspection by certain individuals at certain times;  
14 requiring certain boards to develop and maintain certain databases by a certain  
15 date; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish certain automated  
16 systems by a certain date; limiting the number of placards and special vehicle  
17 registration plates an individual may receive under certain circumstances;  
18 prohibiting a person from fraudulently certifying the presence of certain  
19 physical conditions; defining certain terms; making stylistic changes; clarifying  
20 terms; and generally relating to special registration plates, placards, and  
21 temporary placards for individuals with disabilities.

1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
2 Article - Transportation  
3 Section 13-616, 13-616.1, and 13-616.2  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
7 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article - Transportation**

9 13-616.

10 (a) (1) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
11 INDICATED.

12 (2) "LICENSED CHIROPRACTOR" MEANS A CHIROPRACTOR WHO IS  
13 LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS TO PRACTICE  
14 CHIROPRACTIC OR CHIROPRACTIC WITH THE RIGHT TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL  
15 THERAPY AS DESCRIBED IN § 3-301 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

16 (3) "LICENSED OPTOMETRIST" MEANS AN OPTOMETRIST WHO IS  
17 LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY TO PRACTICE  
18 OPTOMETRY AS DESCRIBED IN § 11-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

19 (4) "LICENSED PHYSICIAN" MEANS A PHYSICIAN, INCLUDING A DOCTOR  
20 OF OSTEOPATHY, WHO IS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN QUALITY  
21 ASSURANCE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AS DESCRIBED IN § 14-101 OF THE HEALTH  
22 OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

23 (5) "LICENSED PODIATRIST" MEANS A PODIATRIST WHO IS LICENSED BY  
24 THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS TO PRACTICE PODIATRY AS  
25 DESCRIBED IN § 16-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

26 (B) (1) The owner of any vehicle described in paragraph [(2)] (3) of this  
27 subsection may apply to the Administration for the assignment to that vehicle of a  
28 special[, disabled person's] DISABILITY registration number and special DISABILITY  
29 registration plates, if A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, LICENSED CHIROPRACTOR, LICENSED  
30 OPTOMETRIST, OR LICENSED PODIATRIST CERTIFIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
31 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THAT the applicant, a dependent of the  
32 applicant, or any individual who depends on the applicant for transportation:

33 (i) [Has permanently lost the use of a leg or an arm;

34 (ii) Is so severely and permanently disabled as to be unable to move  
35 without a wheelchair or crutches;

36 (iii) So suffers from lung disease that his forced expiratory volume,  
37 one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter] HAS LUNG DISEASE

1 TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT FORCED (RESPIRATORY) EXPIRATORY VOLUME FOR ONE  
2 SECOND WHEN MEASURED BY SPIROMETRY IS LESS THAN ONE LITER, OR ARTERIAL  
3 OXYGEN TENSION (P02) IS LESS THAN 60 MM/HG ON ROOM AIR AT REST;

4 (II) HAS CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE LIMITATIONS CLASSIFIED IN  
5 SEVERITY AS CLASS III OR CLASS IV ACCORDING TO STANDARDS ACCEPTED BY THE  
6 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION;

7 (III) IS UNABLE TO WALK 200 FEET WITHOUT STOPPING TO REST;

8 (IV) IS UNABLE TO WALK WITHOUT THE USE OF, OR ASSISTANCE  
9 FROM, A BRACE, CANE, CRUTCH, ANOTHER PERSON, PROSTHETIC DEVICE, OR OTHER  
10 ASSISTIVE DEVICE;

11 (V) REQUIRES A WHEELCHAIR FOR MOBILITY;

12 (VI) HAS LOST, OR LOST THE USE OF, A FOOT OR LEG;

13 (VII) HAS LOST, OR LOST THE USE OF, AN ARM OR A HAND;

14 [(iv)] (VIII) Has a permanent impairment of both eyes so that:

15 1. The central visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye,  
16 with corrective glasses; or

17 2. There is a field defect in which the peripheral field has  
18 contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an  
19 angular distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye; or

20 [(v)] (IX) Has a [physical] PERMANENT disability[, as certified by a  
21 licensed physician, and determined by the Administration, which is permanent, which  
22 substantially impairs the person's mobility, and] which is so severe that the person  
23 would endure a hardship or be subject to a risk of injury if the privileges accorded a  
24 person for whom a vehicle is specially registered under this section were denied.

25 (2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE QUALIFYING  
26 DISABILITIES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE  
27 CERTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

28 (I) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN MAY CERTIFY CONDITIONS SPECIFIED  
29 IN PARAGRAPH (1)(I) THROUGH (IX) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

30 (II) A LICENSED CHIROPRACTOR OR A LICENSED PODIATRIST MAY  
31 CERTIFY CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(III) THROUGH (VII) AND (IX) OF  
32 THIS SUBSECTION;

33 (III) A LICENSED OPTOMETRIST MAY CERTIFY THE CONDITION  
34 SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(VIII) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

35 (IV) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF  
36 THIS SUBSECTION, THE APPLICANT MAY SELF-CERTIFY CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN

1 PARAGRAPH (1)(VI) AND (VII) OF THIS SUBSECTION BY APPEARING IN PERSON WITH  
2 PROPER IDENTIFICATION AT A FULL-SERVICE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION  
3 OFFICE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

4 (3) This section applies only to:

- 5 (i) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;
- 6 (ii) A Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;
- 7 (iii) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle;
- 8 (iv) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a one ton or less manufacturer's  
9 rated capacity; or
- 10 (v) A Class H, I, or J vehicle that is specially equipped for the  
11 transportation of individuals with disabilities and is used exclusively for the  
12 transportation of individuals with disabilities.

13 [(b)] (C) (1) Special registration and special registration plates may be  
14 issued under this section only if the applicant submits:

15 (i) Proof satisfactory to the Administration that the applicant, the  
16 dependent of the applicant, or the individual who depends on the applicant for  
17 transportation, as the case may be, is an individual with a disability described in  
18 subsection [(a)(1)] (B)(1) of this section; and

19 (ii) As to an applicant on whom an individual with a disability  
20 depends for transportation, a certification of the individual with a disability that the  
21 individual with a disability depends on the applicant for transportation.

22 (2) The Administration may not accept applications for special  
23 registration under this section from:

24 (i) More than 2 applicants submitting certifications of dependency  
25 as required under item (1)(ii) of this subsection from the same individual with a  
26 disability;

27 (ii) More than 1 applicant on whom an individual with a disability  
28 depends for transportation if the individual with a disability, at the time of  
29 application, possesses a valid special registration issued under this section; or

30 (iii) An applicant who, at the time of application, possesses 2 valid  
31 special registrations issued under this section.

32 [(c)] (D) (1) An applicant for renewal of special registration and special  
33 registration plates issued under this section shall submit proof of the disability to the  
34 Administration before the issuance of the new multiyear registration plates and  
35 before the renewal of the registration every 4 years thereafter.

1           (2)     As to an applicant for renewal on whom an individual with a  
2 disability depends for transportation, the applicant shall submit once every 2 years in  
3 a form prescribed by the Administration proof of the disability of the individual with  
4 a disability and proof that the applicant continues to provide transportation for the  
5 individual with a disability for whom special registration has been issued under this  
6 section.

7     [(d)]   (E)     Except as provided under §§ 13-951 and 13-952 of this title, no fee in  
8 addition to the annual registration fee otherwise required by this title is required for  
9 special registration under this section.

10    [(e)]   (F)     A special registration number assigned under this section shall:

11           (1)     Consist of the letters, numerals, or both that the Administration  
12 specifies; and

13           (2)     Be displayed on special registration plates issued for the vehicle,  
14 together with the International Symbol of Access.

15    [(f)]   (G)     (1)     In this subsection "special types of vehicles" means:

16                   (i)     Emergency vehicles defined under § 11-118 of this article;

17                   (ii)    Service vehicles defined under § 22-201 of this article;

18                   (iii)   Class B (for hire) vehicles;

19                   (iv)    Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicles;

20                   (v)     Class H (school) vehicles;

21                   (vi)    Class I (charter bus) vehicles;

22                   (vii)   Class J (vanpool) vehicles;

23                   (viii)   Class P (passenger bus) vehicles;

24                   (ix)    Class Q (limousine) vehicles; and

25                   (x)     State or local government vehicles.

26           (2)     The person for whom special registration plates are issued under this  
27 section or under a similar provision of any other state or country:

28                   (i)     1.     Except as provided in items (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph,  
29 may park for unlimited periods in parking zones restricted as to the length of parking  
30 time permitted; and

31                                 2.     Is not required to pay any parking meter fees of this State  
32 or of any political subdivision of this State WHERE PARKING METERS DO NOT MEET  
33 THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES;

1 (ii) May park in a parking space equipped with a parking meter  
2 only for:

3 1. Except as provided in item (ii)2 of this paragraph, twice  
4 the maximum time period permitted on the parking meter but not to exceed a  
5 maximum of 4 hours; and

6 2. If the parking meter permits parking for more than 4  
7 hours, the period permitted on the parking meter; and

8 (iii) Subject to the posted time restriction specified for this parking  
9 zone, may park in a designated zone for the handicapped established at any  
10 State-owned airport.

11 (3) The provisions of this subsection supersede any local ordinance,  
12 except that they do not apply:

13 (i) To zones where stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited to  
14 all vehicles;

15 (ii) To zones that are reserved for special types of vehicles; or

16 (iii) Where there is a local ordinance that prohibits parking during  
17 heavy traffic periods in morning, afternoon, or evening rush hours, or where parking  
18 clearly would present a traffic hazard.

19 ~~(4) (I) A PERSON FOR WHOM SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES ARE  
20 ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION OR UNDER A SIMILAR PROVISION OF ANY OTHER  
21 STATE OR COUNTRY WHO HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR  
22 LICENSED CHIROPRACTOR AS BEING UNABLE TO OPERATE A PARKING METER  
23 MEETING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES IS  
24 NOT REQUIRED TO PAY ANY PARKING METER FEES OF THIS STATE OR OF ANY  
25 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE.~~

26 ~~(H) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CREATE A SPECIAL PARKING  
27 PLACARD THAT DISTINGUISHES A PERSON DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF  
28 THIS PARAGRAPH FROM OTHER DISABLED INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE TO PAY  
29 PARKING METER FEES UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

30 [(g)] (H) When using the parking privileges granted under this section:

31 (1) The person shall have in the person's possession [the application for  
32 special registration plates that is approved by the Administration; and]  
33 IDENTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AS PROOF THAT PARKING  
34 PRIVILEGES ARE BEING UTILIZED BY A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN  
35 SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION; AND

36 (2) The person shall make the [application for special registration  
37 plates] IDENTIFICATION available upon the request of [a]:

1 (I) A police officer, while the officer is discharging the official duties  
2 of a police officer; OR

3 (II) ANY OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED BY A POLITICAL  
4 SUBDIVISION TO ENFORCE THIS SECTION, WHILE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF  
5 THIS AUTHORITY.

6 [(h)] (I) A person may not commit any fraud [in applying for special  
7 registration under this section] OR MAKE ANY MISREPRESENTATION IN APPLYING  
8 FOR DISABILITY REGISTRATION PLATES, USING SPECIAL DISABILITY REGISTRATION  
9 PLATES, OR CERTIFYING AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN  
10 SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION FOR SPECIAL DISABILITY REGISTRATION  
11 UNDER THIS SECTION.

12 [(i)] (I) A person may not commit any fraud in using special registration under  
13 this section.

14 [(j)] (I) A person may not make any misrepresentation in applying for special  
15 registration under this section.

16 [(k)] (I) A person may not make any misrepresentation in using special  
17 registration under this section.]

18 [(l)] (J) A person who operates a motor vehicle with a special [disabled  
19 person's] DISABILITY registration number or special DISABILITY registration plates  
20 may not use the privileges granted under this section, unless the person:

21 (1) Is a person with a disability who meets the requirements of  
22 subsection [(a)(1)] (B)(1) of this section; or

23 (2) Is accompanied by a dependent, or an individual who depends on the  
24 person for transportation, who meets the requirements of subsection [(a)(1)] (B)(1) of  
25 this section.

26 [(m)] (K) (1) As to a motor vehicle owner upon whom a person with a  
27 disability depends for transportation, the vehicle owner's relationship to the person  
28 with a disability shall be deemed severed by:

29 (i) The death of the person with a disability;

30 (ii) A divorce from the person with a disability; or

31 (iii) Termination of employment or responsibility of the vehicle  
32 owner by the person with a disability or that person's legal representative.

33 (2) Within 30 days of the occurrence of any of the events enumerated in  
34 paragraph (1) of this subsection:

1 (i) The vehicle owner shall mail or deliver the special [disabled  
2 person's] DISABILITY registration card and special DISABILITY registration plates to  
3 the Administration for cancellation; and

4 (ii) If the motor vehicle remains subject to registration under this  
5 article, the vehicle owner shall apply to the Administration for registration of the  
6 vehicle in accordance with the terms of § 13-403 of this article.

7 (3) To determine if the eligibility requirements continue to be met, the  
8 Administration may conduct a review of a registration that is issued by the  
9 Administration under this subsection and:

10 (i) If the Administration finds it necessary to review the severity or  
11 permanency of a registration holder's disability, the Administration may request a  
12 review and recommendations from the Medical Advisory Board established under §  
13 16-118 of this article; and

14 (ii) If the Administration determines that eligibility requirements  
15 are not being met, the Administration may revoke the registration.

16 [(n)] (L) Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a  
17 misdemeanor, in accordance with the terms of § 27-101 of this article.

18 [(o)] (M) The Administration shall administer the special registration plates  
19 program in accordance with the provisions of this section.

20 (N) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, BY JULY 1,  
21 2001, EACH BOARD FOR LICENSED PHYSICIANS, LICENSED CHIROPRACTORS,  
22 LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS, OR LICENSED PODIATRISTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
23 THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A DATABASE SYSTEM WITH WHICH THE  
24 ADMINISTRATION CAN INTERFACE AND VERIFY LICENSURE.

25 13-616.1.

26 (a) A person may apply to the Administration for a parking [permit for a  
27 person with a disability] PLACARD on a form provided by the Administration if the  
28 applicant, A DEPENDANT OF THE APPLICANT, OR ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO DEPENDS ON  
29 THE APPLICANT FOR TRANSPORTATION:

30 (1) [ has] HAS a permanent [physical] disability as described in §  
31 13-616 [(a)(1)] (B)(1) of this subtitle AND as certified by a LICENSED physician,  
32 LICENSED CHIROPRACTOR, LICENSED OPTOMETRIST, OR LICENSED PODIATRIST, AS  
33 DEFINED IN § 13-616(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE [and determined by the Administration];  
34 OR

35 (2) HAS A PERMANENT DISABILITY AS DESCRIBED IN § 13-616(B)(1)(VI) OR  
36 (VII) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND AS SELF-CERTIFIED AS PROVIDED BY § 13-616(B)(2)(IV)  
37 OF THIS SUBTITLE.



1 (b) A parking [permit] PLACARD for a person with a disability may be issued  
2 to an applicant described in subsection (a) of this section only if the applicant submits  
3 proof satisfactory to the Administration that the applicant, THE DEPENDENT OF THE  
4 APPLICANT, OR THE INDIVIDUAL WHO DEPENDS ON THE APPLICANT FOR  
5 TRANSPORTATION is a person with a disability as described in § 13-616(a) (B) of  
6 this subtitle.

7 [(c) The Administration may establish and charge a fee for the issuance of the  
8 permit and for the issuance of a duplicate permit.]

9 (C) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ISSUE MORE THAN TWO PLACARDS  
10 TO A PERSON APPLYING FOR A PLACARD UNDER THIS SECTION.

11 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ISSUE TO A PERSON ISSUED  
12 SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER § 13-616 OF THIS SUBTITLE A  
13 COMBINATION OF SPECIAL DISABILITY REGISTRATION PLATES AND PLACARDS  
14 EXCEEDING THREE.

15 (d) (1) A [permit] PLACARD issued under this section to an applicant  
16 described in subsection (a) of this section expires 2 years from the date of issue.

17 (2) The [permit] PLACARD may be renewed on application with proof of  
18 the [handicap or] disability [and payment of the prescribed fee].

19 (e) (1) A parking [permit] PLACARD for a person with a disability shall be  
20 issued:

21 (i) Except as provided in item (ii) or item (iii) of this paragraph, in  
22 the form of a removable windshield placard capable of being hung from the inside  
23 rearview mirror and of a size and design as determined by the Administration;

24 (ii) For a vehicle not equipped with an inside rearview mirror or in  
25 which the inside rearview mirror is not visible from the rear of the vehicle, in the  
26 form of a windshield placard of a size and design as determined by the  
27 Administration; or

28 (iii) For a Class D (motorcycle) vehicle, in the form of a sticker of a  
29 size and design as designated by the Administration.

30 (2) A person to whom a parking [permit] PLACARD for a person with a  
31 disability is issued shall display the placard described in this section:

32 (i) In a Class A (passenger) vehicle or a Class M (multipurpose)  
33 vehicle;

34 (ii) On a Class D (motorcycle) vehicle as required by the  
35 Administration;

1 (iii) In a Class E (truck) vehicle with a one ton or less  
2 manufacturer's rated capacity and specially equipped for the transportation of or  
3 operation by an individual with a disability; or

4 (iv) In a Class H, I, or J vehicle that is specially equipped for the  
5 transportation of individuals with disabilities and is used exclusively for the  
6 transportation of individuals with disabilities.

7 (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, when  
8 displayed by the person to whom a removable windshield placard is issued, the  
9 removable windshield placard shall be hung from the inside rearview mirror when  
10 the vehicle is parked.

11 (2) A person may not drive a vehicle while a removable windshield  
12 placard described under paragraph (1) of this subsection is hanging from the inside  
13 rearview mirror.

14 (3) The removable windshield placard shall be placed inside a vehicle  
15 that is not equipped with an inside rearview mirror, in a position from which the  
16 removable windshield placard can be viewed from the outside of the vehicle through  
17 the lower portion of the windshield on the driver's side of the vehicle.

18 (4) When displayed, the person to whom a removable windshield placard  
19 is issued under this section or under a similar provision of law of any state or country  
20 is accorded the privileges contained in § 13-616[(f)](G) of this subtitle.

21 (g) When using the parking privileges granted under § 13-616[(f)](G) of this  
22 subtitle:

23 (1) The person shall have in the person's possession [the application for  
24 the parking permit for a person with a disability that is approved by the  
25 Administration; and] IDENTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AS PROOF  
26 THAT PARKING PRIVILEGES ARE BEING UTILIZED BY A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY  
27 AS DEFINED IN § 13-616(B)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

28 (2) The person shall make the [application for the parking permit for a  
29 person with a disability] IDENTIFICATION available upon the request of [a]:

30 (I) A police officer, while the officer is discharging the official duties  
31 of a police officer; OR

32 (II) ANY OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED BY A POLITICAL  
33 SUBDIVISION TO ENFORCE THIS SECTION, WHILE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF  
34 THIS AUTHORITY.

35 (h) (1) A person may not commit any fraud or make any misrepresentation  
36 in CERTIFYING A PERSON'S DISABILITY OR applying for or using a parking [permit]  
37 PLACARD for a person with a disability.

1 (2) A person who operates a motor vehicle displaying a parking [permit]  
2 PLACARD for a person with a disability may not use the privileges granted under this  
3 section, unless the person is:

4 (i) A person with a disability who meets the requirements of §  
5 13-616 [(a)(1)] (B)(1) of this subtitle; or

6 (ii) Accompanied by a dependent, or an individual who depends on  
7 the person for transportation, who meets the requirements of § 13-616 [(a)(1)] (B)(1)  
8 of this subtitle.

9 (3) To determine if the eligibility requirements continue to be met, the  
10 Administration may conduct a review of a parking [permit] PLACARD for a person  
11 with a disability that is issued by the Administration under this section and:

12 (i) If the Administration finds it necessary to review the severity or  
13 permanency of a [permit] PLACARD holder's disability, the Administration may  
14 request a review and recommendations from the Medical Advisory Board established  
15 under § 16-118 of this article; and

16 (ii) If the Administration determines that eligibility requirements  
17 are not being met, the Administration may revoke the parking [permit] PLACARD for  
18 a person with a disability.

19 (i) Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a  
20 misdemeanor.

21 (j) The Administration shall [administer]:

22 (1) ADMINISTER the removable windshield placard program in  
23 accordance with the provisions of this section; AND

24 (2) BY JULY 1, 2001, ESTABLISH AN AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR  
25 RECORDING THE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND EXPIRATION OF PLACARDS IN A TIMELY  
26 MANNER TO ENSURE THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PLACARD PROGRAM ARE  
27 ACHIEVED IN AN EFFICIENT AND ORDERLY MANNER.

28 (K) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, BY JULY 1,  
29 2001, EACH BOARD FOR LICENSED PHYSICIANS, LICENSED CHIROPRACTORS,  
30 LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS, OR LICENSED PODIATRISTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
31 THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A DATABASE SYSTEM, WITH WHICH THE  
32 ADMINISTRATION CAN INTERFACE AND VERIFY LICENSURE.

33 13-616.2.

34 (a) A person may apply to the Administration for a temporary parking  
35 [permit] PLACARD on a form provided by the Administration if:

36 (1) The [person] APPLICANT, A DEPENDENT OF THE APPLICANT, OR  
37 ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO DEPENDS ON THE APPLICANT FOR TRANSPORTATION has a

1 disability, as [certified by a licensed physician] DESCRIBED IN § 13-616(B)(1) OF THIS  
2 SUBTITLE; and

3 (2) [The Administration determines] A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, LICENSED  
4 CHIROPRACTOR, LICENSED OPTOMETRIST, OR LICENSED PODIATRIST, AS DEFINED  
5 IN § 13-616(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, CERTIFIES that the disability is not permanent but  
6 would substantially impair the applicant's mobility or limit or impair the applicant's  
7 ability to walk for at least 3 weeks, and is so severe that the applicant would endure  
8 a hardship or be subject to risk of injury if the temporary parking [permit] PLACARD  
9 were denied.

10 (b) An application under subsection (a) of this section shall be accompanied  
11 by:

12 (1) Proof satisfactory to the Administration that the applicant, THE  
13 DEPENDENT OF THE APPLICANT, OR THE INDIVIDUAL WHO DEPENDS ON THE  
14 APPLICANT FOR TRANSPORTATION is a person with a disability under subsection (a)  
15 of this section; and

16 (2) The certification of a licensed physician, LICENSED CHIROPRACTOR,  
17 LICENSED OPTOMETRIST, OR LICENSED PODIATRIST that the applicant, THE  
18 DEPENDENT OF THE APPLICANT, OR THE INDIVIDUAL WHO DEPENDS ON THE  
19 APPLICANT FOR TRANSPORTATION is disabled, including an estimate of the length of  
20 time the disability will continue.

21 (c) [The Administration may establish and charge a fee for the issuance of the  
22 temporary parking permit for a person with a disability and for the issuance of a  
23 duplicate placard.

24 (d) (1) A temporary parking [permit] PLACARD for a person with a  
25 disability issued under this section shall be valid for a period of time the LICENSED  
26 physician, LICENSED CHIROPRACTOR, LICENSED OPTOMETRIST, OR LICENSED  
27 PODIATRIST has determined that the applicant, THE DEPENDENT OF THE APPLICANT,  
28 OR THE INDIVIDUAL WHO DEPENDS ON THE APPLICANT FOR TRANSPORTATION is  
29 likely to have the disability, not to exceed 6 months.

30 (2) THE PERSON TO WHOM A TEMPORARY PARKING PLACARD WAS  
31 ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL RETURN THE PLACARD TO THE  
32 ADMINISTRATION WITHIN 5 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE PLACARD'S EXPIRATION.

33 [(e)] (D) (1) A temporary parking [permit] PLACARD for a person with a  
34 disability shall be issued in the [form of a temporary removable windshield placard in  
35 the] form, size, and design determined by the Administration.

36 (2) A person to whom a temporary [removable windshield] PARKING  
37 placard is issued shall display the placard described in this section in a vehicle  
38 described in § 13-616.1(e)(2) of this subtitle.

39 (3) This section applies only to vehicles defined in §§ 13-616[(a)(2)]  
40 (B)(3) and 13-616.1(e)(2) of this subtitle.

1       [(f)]   (E)   (1)   Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, when  
2 displayed by the person to whom a temporary [removable windshield] PARKING  
3 placard is issued, the temporary [removable windshield] PARKING placard shall be  
4 hung from the inside rearview mirror when the vehicle is parked.

5               (2)   A person may not drive a vehicle while a temporary [removable  
6 windshield] PARKING placard described under paragraph (1) of this subsection is  
7 hanging from the inside rearview mirror.

8               (3)   The temporary [removable windshield] PARKING placard shall be  
9 placed inside a vehicle that is not equipped with an inside rearview mirror, in a  
10 position from which the temporary [removable windshield] PARKING placard can be  
11 viewed from the outside of the vehicle through the lower portion of the windshield on  
12 the driver's side of the vehicle.

13              (4)   When displayed, the person to whom a temporary [removable  
14 windshield] PARKING placard is issued under this section or under a similar  
15 provision of law of any state or country is accorded the privileges contained in §  
16 13-616[(f)] (G) of this subtitle.

17       [(g)]   (F)   (1)   A person may not commit any fraud or make any  
18 misrepresentations in CERTIFYING A PERSON'S DISABILITY OR applying for or using a  
19 temporary [removable windshield] PARKING placard.

20              (2)   (i)   To determine if the eligibility requirements continue to be met,  
21 the Administration may conduct a review of a temporary parking [permit] PLACARD  
22 that is issued by the Administration under this section.

23                   (ii)   If the Administration finds it necessary to review the severity of  
24 a [permit] PLACARD holder's disability or the current status of the temporary  
25 disability, the Administration may request a review and recommendations from the  
26 Medical Advisory Board established under § 16-118 of this article.

27                   (iii)   If the Administration determines that eligibility requirements  
28 are not being met, the Administration may revoke the temporary parking [permit]  
29 PLACARD.

30       [(h)]   (G)   Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a  
31 misdemeanor.

32       [(i)]   (H)   The Administration shall [administer]:

33              (1)   ADMINISTER the temporary [removable windshield] PARKING  
34 placard program in accordance with the provisions of this section; AND

35              (2)   BY JULY 1, 2001, ESTABLISH AN AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR  
36 RECORDING THE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND EXPIRATION OF TEMPORARY PLACARDS  
37 IN A TIMELY MANNER TO ENSURE THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TEMPORARY  
38 PLACARD PROGRAM ARE ACHIEVED IN AN EFFICIENT AND ORDERLY MANNER.

1 (I) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, BY JULY 1,  
2 2001, EACH BOARD FOR LICENSED PHYSICIANS, LICENSED CHIROPRACTORS,  
3 LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS, OR LICENSED PODIATRISTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
4 THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A DATABASE SYSTEM WITH WHICH THE  
5 ADMINISTRATION CAN INTERFACE AND VERIFY LICENSURE.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 1999.