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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Parking for Individuals With Disabilities - Reciprocity - District of**
3 **Columbia**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions relating to parking for
5 individuals with disabilities do not apply to a person issued certain registration
6 plates or placards under the laws and regulations of the District of Columbia;
7 providing for the termination of this Act upon the receipt of a certain notice from
8 the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles; and generally relating to
9 parking for individuals with disabilities.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 13-616(g), 13-616.1(f)(4), and 13-616.2(e)(4)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article - Transportation**

18 13-616.

- 19 (g) (1) In this subsection "special types of vehicles" means:
- 20 (i) Emergency vehicles defined under § 11-118 of this article;
 - 21 (ii) Service vehicles defined under § 22-201 of this article;
 - 22 (iii) Class B (for hire) vehicles;
 - 23 (iv) Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicles;
 - 24 (v) Class H (school) vehicles;
 - 25 (vi) Class I (charter bus) vehicles;

- 1 (vii) Class J (vanpool) vehicles;
- 2 (viii) Class P (passenger bus) vehicles;
- 3 (ix) Class Q (limousine) vehicles; and
- 4 (x) State or local government vehicles.

5 (2) [The] EXCEPT FOR A PERSON FOR WHOM SPECIAL REGISTRATION
6 PLATES HAVE BEEN ISSUED UNDER THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE DISTRICT
7 OF COLUMBIA, A person for whom special registration plates are issued under this
8 section or under a similar provision of any other state or country:

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

12 2. Is not required to pay any parking meter fees of this State
13 or of any political subdivision of this State where parking meters do not meet the
14 requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act;

15 (ii) May park in a parking space equipped with a parking meter
16 only for:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 13-616.1.

2 (f) (4) (I) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY TO A
3 REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARD ISSUED UNDER THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS
4 OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

5 (II) When displayed, the person to whom a removable windshield
6 placard is issued under this section or under a similar provision of law of any state or
7 country is accorded the privileges contained in § 13-616(g) of this subtitle.

8 13-616.2.

9 (e) (4) (I) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY TO A
10 TEMPORARY PARKING PLACARD ISSUED UNDER THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF
11 THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

12 (II) When displayed, the person to whom a temporary parking
13 placard is issued under this section or under a similar provision of law of any state or
14 country is accorded the privileges contained in § 13-616(g) of this subtitle.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective until the Department of Legislative Services
17 receives notice from the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles indicating
18 that the District of Columbia will recognize as valid special registration plates,
19 removable windshield placards, and temporary parking placards issued by the State
20 of Maryland to individuals with disabilities who are residents of Maryland. At the end
21 of the fifth day following the receipt of the notice under this section, with no further
22 action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further
23 force and effect.