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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Parking for Vehicles Transporting Individuals with**  
3 **Disabilities**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue certain  
5 parking placards for use by agents or employees of certain assisted living  
6 programs and long-term care facilities while transporting individuals with  
7 certain disabilities; limiting the number of parking placards that may be issued  
8 to any program or facility under this Act; providing that a parking placard  
9 issued under this Act confers certain privileges; and generally relating to  
10 parking for vehicles transporting individuals with disabilities.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article - Transportation  
13 Section 13-616.3  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 13-616.3.

20 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
21 INDICATED.

22 (2) (I) "FACILITY" MEANS A LICENSED LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY.

23 (II) "FACILITY" INCLUDES A NURSING FACILITY AS DEFINED IN  
24 § 19-301 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

25 (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM AS DEFINED IN  
26 § 19-1801 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

1 (B) (1) THE DIRECTOR OF A PROGRAM OR FACILITY MAY APPLY TO THE  
2 ADMINISTRATION FOR UP TO TWO REMOVABLE PARKING PLACARDS FOR  
3 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

4 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ISSUE TO ANY APPLICANT UNDER  
5 THIS SUBSECTION MORE THAN TWO REMOVABLE PARKING PLACARDS FOR  
6 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

7 (C) A PARKING PLACARD ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION, WHEN DISPLAYED AS  
8 DESCRIBED IN § 13-616.1(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE, CONFERS THE PRIVILEGES SPECIFIED  
9 IN § 13-616(G) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

10 (D) A PARKING PLACARD ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE USED ONLY  
11 BY AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF A PROGRAM OR FACILITY IN THE COURSE OF USING  
12 A VEHICLE TO TRANSPORT A PATIENT OR RESIDENT OF THE PROGRAM OR FACILITY  
13 WHO HAS A PERMANENT DISABILITY AS DESCRIBED IN § 13-616(B)(1) OF THIS  
14 SUBTITLE.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2004.