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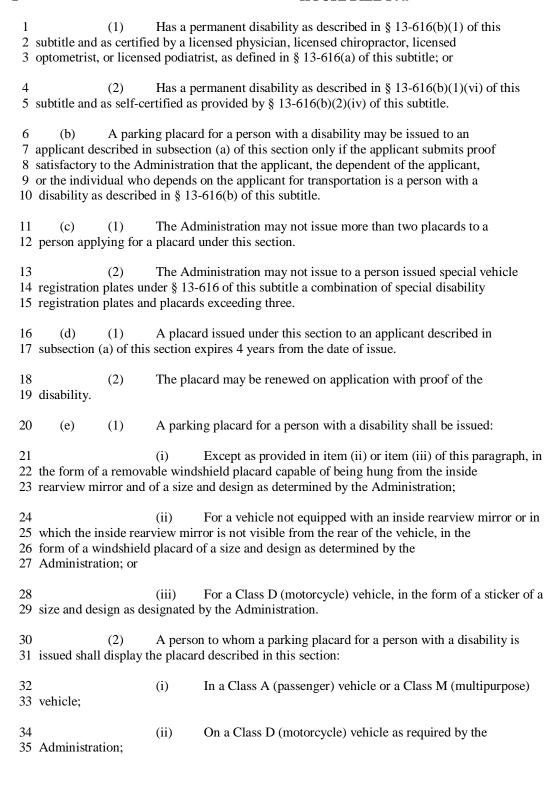
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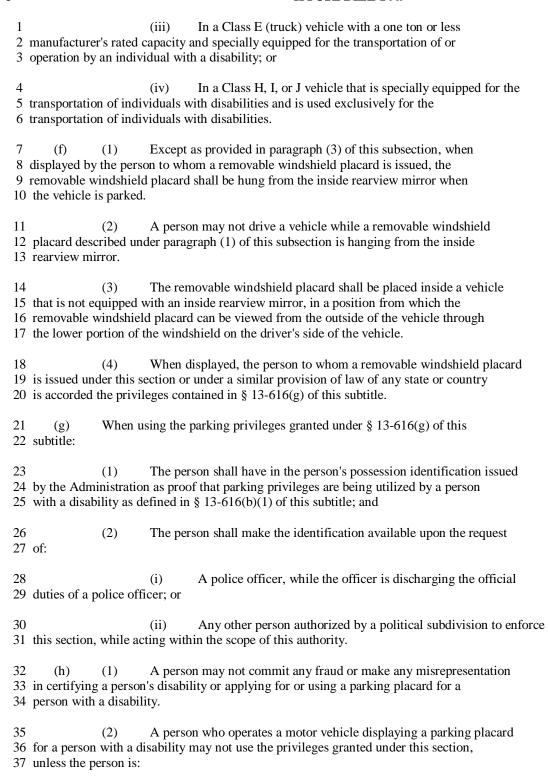
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A BILL ENTITLED

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1	AN	ACT	concerning

- Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program Exemptions Individuals with
 Disabilities
- 4 FOR the purpose of exempting a motor vehicle for which a parking placard for
- 5 individuals with disabilities has been issued from the mandatory inspection and
- 6 testing requirements of the vehicle emissions inspection program if the owner of
- 7 the vehicle meets certain disability requirements, the vehicle is driven less than
- 8 a certain number of miles over certain periods, and the exemption is not
- 9 prohibited by federal law; making conforming changes; specifying application
- 10 procedures; and generally relating to exemptions for certain individuals with
- disabilities from certain vehicle emissions inspection and testing requirements.
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 13 Article Transportation
- 14 Section 13-616.1
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)
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- 18 Article Transportation
- 19 Section 23-206.2(a)
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)
- 22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 24 Article Transportation
- 25 13-616.1.
- 26 (a) A person may apply to the Administration for a parking placard on a form
- 27 provided by the Administration if the applicant, a dependent of the applicant, or any
- 28 individual who depends on the applicant for transportation:





1 2	(i) A person with a disability who meets the requirements of \S 13-616(b)(1) of this subtitle; or
	(ii) Accompanied by a dependent, or an individual who depends on the person for transportation, who meets the requirements of \S 13-616(b)(1) of this subtitle.
	(3) To determine if the eligibility requirements continue to be met, the Administration may conduct a review of a parking placard for a person with a disability that is issued by the Administration under this section and:
11	(i) If the Administration finds it necessary to review the severity or permanency of a placard holder's disability, the Administration may request a review and recommendations from the Medical Advisory Board established under § 16-118 of this article; and
	(ii) If the Administration determines that eligibility requirements are not being met, the Administration may revoke the parking placard for a person with a disability.
16 17	(i) Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.
18	(j) The Administration shall:
19 20	(1) Administer the removable windshield placard program in accordance with the provisions of this section; and
	(2) By July 1, 2001, establish an automated system for recording the issuance, renewal, and expiration of placards in a timely manner to ensure that the objectives of the placard program are achieved in an efficient and orderly manner.
26	(k) In accordance with the provisions of this section, by July 1, 2001, each board for licensed physicians, licensed chiropractors, licensed optometrists, or licensed podiatrists shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of a database system, with which the Administration can interface and verify licensure.
28	23-206.2.
31	(a) (1) A motor vehicle for which special registration plates have been issued under § 13-616 of this article, OR FOR WHICH A PARKING PLACARD HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER § 13-616.1 OF THIS ARTICLE, is exempt from the mandatory inspections required by this subtitle if:
33 34	(i) All of the owners of the motor vehicle meet the disability requirements of $\{(13-616(a)(1))\}$ 13-616(B)(1) of this article;
35	(ii) The motor vehicle is driven 5,000 miles or less annually; and
36	(iii) The exemption is not otherwise prohibited by federal law.

16 October 1, 2004.

1 2			to qualify for an exemption under paragraph (1) of this otor vehicle shall certify the following:
3	requirements of § [13-		That the owner of the motor vehicle meets the disability)] 13-616(B)(1) of this article;
7	-	umber an	That the motor vehicle has been issued a special disabled d special registration plates under § 13-616 of this D A PARKING PLACARD UNDER § 13-616.1 OF THIS
9 10	and	(iii)	That the motor vehicle is driven 5,000 miles or less annually
11 12	certification.	(iv)	The motor vehicle's odometer reading at the time of the
13 14	(3) made on a form provi		ification required in paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be an Administration.
15	SECTION 2 AN	D BE IT	FURTHER ENACTED. That this Act shall take effect