

government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 24

[House Bill No. 2842]

DISABLED PARKING PRIVILEGES—SENSITIVITY TO AUTOMOBILE EMISSIONS AS DISABILITY

AN ACT Relating to special parking privileges for disabled persons; and amending RCW 46.16.381.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 154, Laws of 1984 as amended by section 1, chapter 96, Laws of 1986 and RCW 46.16.381 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The director shall grant special parking privileges to any person who meets one of the following criteria:

- (a) Loss of both lower limbs;
- (b) Loss of normal or full use of the lower limbs to sufficiently constitute a severe disability;
- (c) Is so severely disabled, that the person cannot move without the aid of crutches or a wheelchair;
- (d) Loss of both hands;
- (e) Suffers from lung disease to such an extent that forced expiratory respiratory volume, when measured by spirometry is less than one liter per second; ((or))
- (f) Impairment by cardiovascular disease to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified as class III or IV under standards accepted by the American Heart Association; or

(g) Has a disability resulting from an acute sensitivity to automobile emissions which limits or impairs the ability to walk. The personal physician of the applicant shall document that the disability is comparable in severity to the others listed in this subsection.

(2) Persons with special parking privileges are entitled to receive from the department of licensing both a special card to be left in a vehicle in a conspicuous place and, for one motor vehicle only, a decal to be attached to the vehicle in a conspicuous place designated by the director. Instead of the decal and regular motor vehicle license plates, the disabled persons are entitled to receive a special license plate. The card, decal, and special license plate shall be designed to show distinguishing marks, letters, or numerals

indicating that the vehicle is being used to transport a disabled person. Persons using vehicles displaying the special license plate, card, or decal shall be permitted to park in places otherwise reserved for physically disabled persons. The director shall also adopt rules providing for the issuance of special cards to public transportation authorities, nursing homes licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW, senior citizen centers, and private nonprofit agencies as defined in chapter 24.03 RCW that regularly transport disabled persons who have been determined eligible for special parking privileges provided under this section. The special card shall be displayed in a vehicle operated when actually transporting the disabled persons. Public transportation authorities, nursing homes, senior citizen centers, and private nonprofit agencies are responsible for insuring that the special cards are not used improperly and are responsible for all fines and penalties for improper use.

(3) Whenever the disabled person transfers or assigns his or her interest in the vehicle, the special decals or license plate shall be removed from the motor vehicle. The person shall immediately surrender the decal to the director together with a notice of the transfer of interest in the vehicle. If another vehicle is acquired by, or for the primary use of, the disabled person, a new decal shall be issued by the director. If another vehicle is acquired by the disabled person and a special plate is used, the plate shall be attached to the vehicle, and the director shall be immediately notified of the transfer of the plate. If another vehicle is not acquired by the disabled person, the removed plate shall be immediately forwarded to the director to be reissued later upon payment of the regular registration fee.

(4) The special license plate shall be renewed in the same manner and at the time required for the renewal of regular motor vehicle license plates under this chapter. No special license plate may be issued to a person who is temporarily disabled. A person who is permanently disabled under this section shall be issued a permanent card. A person who is temporarily disabled under this section shall be issued a temporary card which shall be renewed, when required by the director, by satisfactory proof of the right to continued use of the card.

(5) Additional fees shall not be charged for the issuance of the special card and decal, and, at the time the vehicle is originally licensed in this state, no additional fee may be charged for the issuance of the special license plate except the regular motor vehicle registration fee and any other fees and taxes required to be paid upon initial registration of a motor vehicle.

(6) Any unauthorized use of the special card, the decal, or the special license plate is a traffic infraction.

(7) It is a traffic infraction, with a monetary penalty of not less than fifteen and not more than fifty dollars for any person to park a vehicle in a parking place provided on private property without charge or on public

property reserved for physically disabled persons without a special license plate, card, or decal. If a person is charged with a violation, the person shall not be determined to have committed an infraction if the person produces in court or before the court appearance the special license plate, card, or decal required under this section or demonstrates that the person was entitled to the special license plate, card, or decal.

(8) It is a misdemeanor for any person to willfully obtain a special decal, license plate, or card in a manner other than that established under this section.

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CHAPTER 25

[House Bill No. 2410]

HOSPICE BENEFITS EXTENSION

AN ACT Relating to extending hospice benefits to the end of the biennium; reenacting and amending RCW 74.09.520; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 5, chapter 30, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended by section 3, chapter 400, Laws of 1989 and by section 10, chapter 427, Laws of 1989 and RCW 74.09.520 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) The term "medical assistance" may include the following care and services: (a) Inpatient hospital services; (b) outpatient hospital services; (c) other laboratory and x-ray services; (d) skilled nursing home services; (e) physicians' services, which shall include prescribed medication and instruction on birth control devices; (f) medical care, or any other type of remedial care as may be established by the secretary; (g) home health care services; (h) private duty nursing services; (i) dental services; (j) physical therapy and related services; (k) prescribed drugs, dentures, and prosthetic devices; and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist, whichever the individual may select; (l) personal care services, as provided in this section; (m) hospice services; (n) other diagnostic, screening, preventive, and rehabilitative services; and (o) like services when furnished to a handicapped child by a school district as part of an individualized education program established pursuant to chapter 28A.13 RCW. For the purposes of this section, the department may not cut off any prescription medications, oxygen supplies, respiratory services, or other life-sustaining medical services or supplies.