

By Senator Clary

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s.  
3           320.084, F.S.; allowing certain disabled  
4           veterans to purchase additional disabled  
5           veterans license plates; amending s. 320.0848,  
6           F.S.; authorizing certain additional health  
7           care professionals to issue certifications of  
8           disability; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 320.084,  
13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14           320.084 Free motor vehicle license plate to certain  
15 disabled veterans.--

16           (6) A disabled veteran who has received a free license  
17 plate under this section may purchase additional disabled  
18 veterans license plates. The cost for additional plates may  
19 not exceed the cost provided in s. 320.06(1)(b).

20           Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of  
21 section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

22           320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of  
23 disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for  
24 certain providers of transportation services to persons who  
25 have disabilities.--

26           (1)(a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
27 Vehicles or its authorized agents shall, upon application and  
28 receipt of the fee, issue a disabled parking permit for a  
29 period of up to 4 years, which period ends on the applicant's  
30 birthday, to any person who has long-term mobility impairment,  
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1 or a temporary disabled parking permit not to exceed 1 year to  
2 any person who has a temporary mobility impairment.

3 (b)1. The person must be currently certified as being  
4 legally blind or as having any of the following disabilities  
5 that render him or her unable to walk 200 feet without  
6 stopping to rest:

7 a. Inability to walk without the use of or assistance  
8 from a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, or other  
9 assistive device, or without the assistance of another person.  
10 If the assistive device significantly restores the person's  
11 ability to walk to the extent that the person can walk without  
12 severe limitation, the person is not eligible for the  
13 exemption parking permit.

14 b. The need to permanently use a wheelchair.

15 c. Restriction by lung disease to the extent that the  
16 person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for 1 second,  
17 when measured by spirometry, is less than 1 liter, or the  
18 person's arterial oxygen is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at  
19 rest.

20 d. Use of portable oxygen.

21 e. Restriction by cardiac condition to the extent that  
22 the person's functional limitations are classified in severity  
23 as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the  
24 American Heart Association.

25 f. Severe limitation in the person's ability to walk  
26 due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.

27 2. The certification of disability which is required  
28 under subparagraph 1. must be provided by a physician licensed  
29 under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 460, by a podiatric  
30 physician licensed under chapter 461, by an optometrist  
31 licensed under chapter 463, by the Adjudication Office of the

1 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
2 predecessor, or by a similarly licensed physician from another  
3 state if the application is accompanied by documentation of  
4 the physician's licensure in the other state and a form signed  
5 by the out-of-state physician verifying his or her knowledge  
6 of this state's eligibility guidelines, by an advanced  
7 registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 464 in a  
8 facility operated by the United States Department of Veterans  
9 Affairs under the protocol of a licensed physician, or by a  
10 physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459  
11 in a facility operated by the United States Department of  
12 Veterans Affairs.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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15 SENATE SUMMARY

16 Provides for certain disabled veterans to purchase  
17 additional disabled license plates. Provides for advanced  
18 nurse practitioners and physician assistants employed by  
19 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to  
20 certify disabilities.  
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