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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to parking permits for disabled persons; amending and renumbering s. 320.0848, F.S.; reducing the term of temporary parking permits; providing for photographs on parking permits for disabled persons; transferring the issuance of such permits to the driver's license office within the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; authorizing tax collectors to issue such permits if they have the capability of processing a digital image of the applicant; amending ss. 316.1955, 316.1964, 318.18, 320.08035, 320.084, 320.0842, 320.0843, 322.051, 526.141, and 553.5041, F.S.; conforming provisions; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as section 322.181, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

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322.181 320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain providers of transportation services to persons who have disabilities .--

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(1)(a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or its authorized agents shall, upon application and receipt of the fee, issue a disabled parking permit for a period of up to 4 years, which period ends on the applicant's birthday, to any person who has long-term mobility impairment, or a temporary disabled parking permit not to exceed <u>6 months</u> lyear to any person who has a temporary mobility impairment. No person shall be required to pay a fee for a disabled parking permit more than once in a 12-month period from the date of the prior fee payment. The department must adopt rules that require a picture of the applicant to appear on a parking permit for a person with a long-term mobility impairment, upon initial application or upon the next permit renewal.

- (b)1. The person must be currently certified as being legally blind or as having any of the following disabilities that render him or her unable to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest:
- a. Inability to walk without the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, or other assistive device, or without the assistance of another person. If the assistive device significantly restores the person's ability to walk to the extent that the person can walk without severe limitation, the person is not eligible for the exemption parking permit.
 - b. The need to permanently use a wheelchair.
- c. Restriction by lung disease to the extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for 1 second, when measured by spirometry, is less than 1 liter, or the person's arterial oxygen is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest.
 - d. Use of portable oxygen.
- e. Restriction by cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association.

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

- 2. The certification of disability which is required under subparagraph 1. must be provided by a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 460, by a podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461, by an optometrist licensed under chapter 463, by the Adjudication Office of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor, or by a similarly licensed physician from another state if the application is accompanied by documentation of the physician's licensure in the other state and a form signed by the out-of-state physician verifying his or her knowledge of this state's eligibility guidelines.
- (c) The certificate of disability must include, but need not be limited to:
- 1. The disability of the applicant; the certifying physician's name and address; the physician's certification number; the eligibility criteria for the permit; the penalty for falsification by either the certifying physician or the applicant; the duration of the condition that entitles the person to the permit; and justification for the additional placard pursuant to subsection (2).
- 2. The statement, in bold letters: "A disabled parking permit may be issued only for a medical necessity that severely affects mobility."
 - 3. The signatures of:
 - a. The applicant's physician;
- b. The applicant or the applicant's parent or guardian; and
- c. The employee of the department's authorized agent which employee is processing the application.

(d) Beginning April 1, 1999, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall renew the disabled parking permit of any person certified as permanently disabled on the application.

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- (e) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall, in consultation with the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, adopt rules, in accordance with chapter 120, for the issuance of a disabled parking permit to any organization that can adequately demonstrate a bona fide need for such a permit because the organization provides regular transportation services to persons who have disabilities and are certified as provided in this subsection.
- (2) DISABLED PARKING PERMIT; PERSONS WITH LONG-TERM MOBILITY PROBLEMS.--
- (a) The disabled parking permit is a placard that can be placed in a motor vehicle so as to be visible from the front and rear of the vehicle. Each side of the placard must have the international symbol of accessibility in a contrasting color in the center so as to be visible. One side of the placard must display the applicant's driver's license number or state identification card number and a photograph of the applicant along with a warning that the applicant must have such identification at all times while using the parking permit. A validation sticker must also be issued with each disabled parking permit, showing the month and year of expiration on each side of the placard. Validation stickers must be of the size specified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and must be affixed to the disabled parking permits. The disabled parking permits must use the same colors as license plate validations.

(b) License plates issued under ss. 320.084, 320.0842, 320.0843, and 320.0845 are valid for the same parking privileges and other privileges provided under ss. 316.1955, 316.1964, and 526.141(5)(a).

- (c)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., the fee for a disabled parking permit shall be:
- a. Fifteen dollars for each initial 4-year permit or renewal permit, of which the State Transportation Trust Fund shall receive \$13.50 and the tax collector of the county in which the fee was collected shall receive \$1.50, if that tax collector has the capability to process a digital image of the applicant. If the application was processed by the department, the \$1.50 shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.
- b. One dollar for each additional or additional renewal 4-year permit, of which the State Transportation Trust Fund shall receive all funds collected.

The department shall not issue an additional disabled parking permit unless the applicant states that they are a frequent traveler or a quadriplegic. The department may not issue to any one eligible applicant more than two disabled parking permits except to an organization in accordance with paragraph (1)(e). Subsections (1), (5), (6), and (7) apply to this

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 - 2. If an applicant who is a disabled veteran, is a resident of this state, has been honorably discharged, and either has been determined by the Department of Defense or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-connected disability rating for compensation of 50 percent or greater or has been determined

to have a service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or greater and is in receipt of both disability retirement pay from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and has a signed physician's statement of qualification for the disabled parking permits, the fee for a disabled parking permit shall be:

- a. One dollar and fifty cents for the initial 4-year permit or renewal permit.
- b. One dollar for each additional or additional renewal 4-year permit.

The tax collector of the county in which the fee was collected shall retain all funds received pursuant to this subparagraph, if that tax collector has the capability to process a digital image of the applicant. If the application was processed by the department, the proceeds shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

- 3. If an applicant presents to the department a statement from the Federal Government or the State of Florida indicating the applicant is a recipient of supplemental security income, the fee for the disabled parking permit shall be \$9 for the initial 4-year permit or renewal permit, of which the State Transportation Trust Fund shall receive \$6.75 and the tax collector of the county in which the fee was collected shall receive \$2.25, if that tax collector has the capability to process a digital image of the applicant. If the application was processed by the department, the \$2.25 shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.
- (d) To obtain a replacement for a disabled parking permit that has been lost or stolen, a person must submit an application on a form prescribed by the department and must

pay a replacement fee in the amount of \$1.00, to be retained by the issuing agency. If the person submits with the application a police report documenting that the permit was stolen, there is no replacement fee.

- (e) A person who qualifies for a disabled parking permit under this section may be issued an international wheelchair user symbol license plate under s. 320.0843 in lieu of the disabled parking permit; or, if the person qualifies for a "DV" license plate under s. 320.084, such a license plate may be issued to him or her in lieu of a disabled parking permit.
 - (3) DISABLED PARKING PERMIT; TEMPORARY.--
- (a) The temporary disabled parking permit is a placard of a different color from the color of the long-term disabled parking permit placard, and must clearly display the date of expiration in large print and with color coding, but is identical to the long-term disabled parking permit placard in all other respects, including, but not limited to, the inclusion of a state identification card number or driver's license number on one side of the temporary permit. However, a photograph of the applicant is not required on the temporary parking permit. The temporary disabled parking permit placard must be designed to conspicuously display the expiration date of the permit on the front and back of the placard.
- (b) The department shall issue the temporary disabled parking permit for the period of the disability as stated by the certifying physician, but not to exceed <u>6 months</u> 1 year.
- (c) The fee for a temporary disabled parking permit is \$15.
- (4) From the proceeds of the temporary disabled parking permit fees:

- (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must receive \$3.50 for each temporary permit, to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and used for implementing the real-time disabled parking permit database and for administering the disabled parking permit program.
- (b) The tax collector, for processing, must receive \$2.50 for each temporary permit.
- (c) The remainder must be distributed monthly as follows:
- 1. To the Florida Governor's Alliance for the Employment of Disabled Citizens for the purpose of improving employment and training opportunities for persons who have disabilities, with special emphasis on removing transportation barriers, \$4. These fees must be deposited into the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund for transfer to the Florida Governor's Alliance for Employment of Disabled Citizens.
- 2. To the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund to be used for funding matching grants to counties for the purpose of improving transportation of persons who have disabilities, \$5.
- (5) The applications for disabled parking permits and temporary disabled parking permits are official state documents. The following statement must appear on each application form immediately below the physician's signature and immediately below the applicant's signature: "Knowingly providing false information on this application is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, Florida Statutes, or s. 775.083, Florida Statutes.

The penalty is up to 1 year in jail or a fine of \$1,000, or both."

- (6) Any person who knowingly makes a false or misleading statement in an application or certification under this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (7) Any person who fraudulently obtains or unlawfully displays a disabled parking permit that belongs to another person while occupying a disabled parking space or an access aisle as defined in s. 553.5041 while the owner of the permit is not being transported in the vehicle or who uses an unauthorized replica of such a disabled parking permit with the intent to deceive is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (8) A law enforcement officer may confiscate the disabled parking permit from any person who fraudulently obtains or unlawfully uses such a permit. A law enforcement officer may confiscate any disabled parking permit that is expired, reported as lost or stolen, or defaced, or that does not display a personal identification number.
- (a) Beginning April 1, 1999, the permit number of each confiscated permit must be submitted to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the fact that the permit has been confiscated must be noted on the permitholder's record. If two permits issued to the same person have been confiscated, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall refer the information to the central abuse hotline of the Department of Children and Family Services for an investigation of potential abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the permit owner.

(b) A confiscated permit must be held as evidence until a judicial decision about the violation has been made. After a finding of guilt has been made or a plea of nolo contendere has been entered, the charging agency shall destroy the confiscated permit. A confiscated permit may not, under any circumstances, be returned to its registered owner after a finding of guilt has been made or a plea of nolo contendere has been entered in court. The permit number of each destroyed permit must be reported to the department, and the department must record in the real-time disabled parking permit database that the permit has been invalidated.

- (9) A violation of this section is grounds for disciplinary action under s. 458.331, s. 459.015, s. 460.413, or s. 461.013, as applicable.
- (10) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules to administer this section.

Section 2. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 316.1955, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.1955 Enforcement of parking requirements for persons who have disabilities.--

(1) It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand, or park a vehicle within, or to obstruct, any such specially designated and marked parking space provided in accordance with s. 553.5041, unless the vehicle displays a disabled parking permit issued under s. 316.1958 or s. 322.181 s. 320.0848 or a license plate issued under s. 320.084, s. 320.0842, s. 320.0843, or s. 320.0845, and the vehicle is transporting the person to whom the displayed permit is issued. The violation may not be dismissed for failure of the marking on the parking space to comply with s. 553.5041 if the

space is in general compliance and is clearly distinguishable as a designated accessible parking space for people who have disabilities. Only a warning may be issued for unlawfully parking in a space designated for persons with disabilities if there is no above-grade sign as provided in s. 553.5041.

- (a) Whenever a law enforcement officer, a parking enforcement specialist, or the owner or lessee of the space finds a vehicle in violation of this subsection, that officer, owner, or lessor shall have the vehicle in violation removed to any lawful parking space or facility or require the operator or other person in charge of the vehicle immediately to remove the unauthorized vehicle from the parking space. Whenever any vehicle is removed under this section to a storage lot, garage, or other safe parking space, the cost of the removal and parking constitutes a lien against the vehicle.
- (b) The officer or specialist shall charge the operator or other person in charge of the vehicle in violation with a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as provided in s. 316.008(4) or s. 318.18(6).
- (c) All convictions for violations of this section must be reported to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles by the clerk of the court.
- (d) A law enforcement officer or a parking enforcement specialist has the right to demand to be shown the person's disabled parking permit and driver's license or state identification card when investigating the possibility of a violation of this section. If such a request is refused, the person in charge of the vehicle may be charged with resisting an officer without violence, as provided in s. 843.02.

(4)(a) A vehicle that is transporting a person who has a disability and that has been granted a permit under \underline{s} . $\underline{322.181(1)(a)}\underline{s}$. $\underline{320.0848(1)(a)}$ may be parked for a maximum of 30 minutes in any parking space reserved for persons who have disabilities.

Section 3. Subsections (1) and (7) of section 316.1964, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.1964 Exemption of vehicles transporting certain persons who have disabilities from payment of parking fees and penalties.--

- agency thereof, may not exact any fee for parking on the public streets or highways or in any metered parking space from the driver of a vehicle that displays a disabled parking permit or a license plate issued under s. 316.1958 or s. 322.181 s. 320.0848 or a license plate issued under s. 320.0845 if the vehicle is transporting the person who has a disability and to whom the disabled parking permit or license plate was issued.
- (7) An airport that owns, operates, or leases parking facilities, or any other parking facilities that are used for the purpose of air travel, may charge for parking vehicles that display a disabled parking permit or license tag issued under s. 316.1958, s. 320.084, s. 320.0842, s. 320.0843, s. 320.0845, or s. 322.181 s. 320.0848. However, the governing body of each publicly owned or publicly operated airport must grant free parking to any vehicle with specialized equipment, such as ramps, lifts, or foot or hand controls, or for utilization by a person who has a disability or whose vehicle is displaying the Florida Toll Exemption permit.

Section 4. Section 318.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.18 Amount of civil penalties.--The penalties required for a noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 are as follows:

(1) Fifteen dollars for:

- (a) All infractions of pedestrian regulations.
- (b) All infractions of s. 316.2065, unless otherwise specified.
- (c) Other violations of chapter 316 by persons 14 years of age or under who are operating bicycles, regardless of the noncriminal traffic infraction's classification.
- (2) Thirty dollars for all nonmoving traffic violations and:
 - (a) For all violations of s. 322.19.
- (b) For all violations of ss. 320.0605, 320.07(1), 322.065, and 322.15(1). Any person who is cited for a violation of s. 320.07(1) shall be charged a delinquent fee pursuant to s. 320.07(4).
- 1. If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 320.0605 or s. 320.07 can show proof of having a valid registration at the time of arrest, the clerk of the court may dismiss the case and may assess a \$5 dismissal fee. A person who finds it impossible or impractical to obtain a valid registration certificate must submit an affidavit detailing the reasons for the impossibility or impracticality. The reasons may include, but are not limited to, the fact that the vehicle was sold, stolen, or destroyed; that the state in which the vehicle is registered does not issue a certificate of registration; or that the vehicle is owned by another person.

2. If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 322.03, s. 322.065, or s. 322.15 can show a driver's license issued to him or her and valid at the time of arrest, the clerk of the court may dismiss the case and may assess a \$5 dismissal fee.

- 3. If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 316.646 can show proof of security as required by s. 627.733, issued to the person and valid at the time of arrest, the clerk of the court may dismiss the case and may assess a \$5 dismissal fee. A person who finds it impossible or impractical to obtain proof of security must submit an affidavit detailing the reasons for the impracticality. The reasons may include, but are not limited to, the fact that the vehicle has since been sold, stolen, or destroyed; that the owner or registrant of the vehicle is not required by s. 627.733 to maintain personal injury protection insurance; or that the vehicle is owned by another person.
- (c) For all violations of ss. 316.2935 and 316.610. However, for a violation of s. 316.2935 or s. 316.610, if the person committing the violation corrects the defect and obtains proof of such timely repair by an affidavit of compliance executed by the law enforcement agency within 30 days from the date upon which the traffic citation was issued, and pays \$4 to the law enforcement agency, thereby completing the affidavit of compliance, then upon presentation of said affidavit by the defendant to the clerk within the 30-day time period set forth under s. 318.14(4), the fine must be reduced to \$5, which the clerk of the court shall retain.
- (3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, \$60 for all moving violations not requiring a mandatory appearance.

1	(b) For moving violations involving unlawful speed,
2	the fines are as follows:
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4	For speed exceeding the limit by: Fine:
5	1-5 m.p.h
6	6-9 m.p.h\$ 25
7	10-14 m.p.h\$100
8	15-19 m.p.h\$125
9	20-29 m.p.h\$150
10	30 m.p.h. and above\$250
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12	(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), a person cited for
13	exceeding the speed limit by up to 5 m.p.h. in a legally
14	posted school zone will be fined \$50. A person exceeding the
15	speed limit in a school zone will be assessed a fine double
16	the amount listed in paragraph (b).
17	(d) A person cited for exceeding the speed limit in a
18	posted construction zone will be assessed a fine double the
19	amount listed in paragraph (b). The fine shall be doubled for
20	construction zone violations only if construction personnel
21	are present or operating equipment on the road or immediately
22	adjacent to the road under construction.
23	(e) If a violation of s. 316.1301 or s. 316.1303
24	results in an injury to the pedestrian or damage to the
25	property of the pedestrian, an additional fine of up to \$250
26	must be assessed. This amount must be distributed pursuant to
27	s. 318.21.
28	(4) The penalty imposed under s. 316.545 shall be
29	determined by the officer in accordance with the provisions of
30	ss. 316.535 and 316.545.
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(5)(a) One hundred dollars for a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a), failure to stop for a school bus. If, at a hearing, the alleged offender is found to have committed this offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of \$100. In addition to this penalty, for a second or subsequent offense within a period of 5 years, the department shall suspend the driver's license of the person for not less than 90 days and not more than 6 months.

- (b) Two hundred dollars for a violation of s. 316.172(1)(b), passing a school bus on the side that children enter and exit when the school bus displays a stop signal. If, at a hearing, the alleged offender is found to have committed this offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of \$200. In addition to this penalty, for a second or subsequent offense within a period of 5 years, the department shall suspend the driver's license of the person for not less than 180 days and not more than 1 year.
- (6) One hundred dollars or the fine amount designated by county ordinance, plus court costs for illegally parking, under s. 316.1955, in a parking space provided for people who have disabilities. However, this fine will be waived if a person provides to the law enforcement agency that issued the citation for such a violation proof that the person committing the violation has a valid parking permit or license plate issued pursuant to s. 316.1958, s. 320.0842, s. 320.0843, s. 320.0845, or s. 322.181 s. 320.0848 or a signed affidavit that the owner of the disabled parking permit or license plate was present at the time the violation occurred, and that such a parking permit or license plate was valid at the time the violation occurred. The law enforcement officer, upon determining that all required documentation has been submitted

verifying that the required parking permit or license plate was valid at the time of the violation, must sign an affidavit of compliance. Upon provision of the affidavit of compliance and payment of a \$5 dismissal fee to the clerk of the circuit court, the clerk shall dismiss the citation.

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- (7) One hundred dollars for a violation of s. 316.1001. However, a person may elect to pay \$30 to the clerk of the court, in which case adjudication is withheld, and no points are assessed under s. 322.27. Upon receipt of the fine, the clerk of the court must retain \$5 for administrative purposes and must forward the \$25 to the governmental entity that issued the citation. Any funds received by a governmental entity for this violation may be used for any lawful purpose related to the operation or maintenance of a toll facility.
- (8)(a) Any person who fails to comply with the court's requirements or who fails to pay the civil penalties specified in this section within the 30-day period provided for in s. 318.14 must pay an additional civil penalty of \$12, \$2.50 of which must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit in the General Revenue Fund, and \$9.50 of which must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. The department shall contract with the Florida Association of Court Clerks, Inc., to design, establish, operate, upgrade, and maintain an automated statewide Uniform Traffic Citation Accounting System to be operated by the clerks of the court which shall include, but not be limited to, the accounting for traffic infractions by type, a record of the disposition of the citations, and an accounting system for the fines assessed and the subsequent fine amounts paid to the clerks of the court. On or before December 1, 2001, the clerks of the court must provide the

information required by this chapter to be transmitted to the department by electronic transmission pursuant to the contract.

- (b) Any person who fails to comply with the court's requirements as to civil penalties specified in this section due to demonstrable financial hardship shall be authorized to satisfy such civil penalties by public works or community service. Each hour of such service shall be applied, at the rate of the minimum wage, toward payment of the person's civil penalties; provided, however, that if the person has a trade or profession for which there is a community service need and application, the rate for each hour of such service shall be the average standard wage for such trade or profession. Any person who fails to comply with the court's requirements as to such civil penalties who does not demonstrate financial hardship may also, at the discretion of the court, be authorized to satisfy such civil penalties by public works or community service in the same manner.
- (c) If the noncriminal infraction has caused or resulted in the death of another, the person who committed the infraction may perform 120 community service hours under s. 316.027(4), in addition to any other penalties.
- (9) One hundred dollars for a violation of s. 316.1575.
- (10) Twenty-five dollars for a violation of s. 316.2074.
- (11)(a) Court costs that are to be in addition to the stated fine shall be imposed by the court in an amount not less than the following:

For pedestrian infractions.....\$ 3

For nonmoving traffic infractions.....\$ 6. 2 For moving traffic infractions.....\$10. 3 4 In addition to the court cost assessed under 5 paragraph (a), the court shall impose a \$3 court cost for each 6 infraction to be distributed as provided in s. 938.01 and a \$2 7 court cost as provided in s. 938.15 when assessed by a 8 municipality or county. 9 Court costs imposed under this subsection may not exceed \$30. 10 A criminal justice selection center or other local criminal 11 12 justice access and assessment center may be funded from these 13 court costs. 14 Section 5. Section 320.08035, Florida Statutes, is 15 amended to read: 16 320.08035 Persons who have disabilities; reduced 17 dimension license plate. -- The owner or lessee of a motorcycle, 18 moped, or motorized disability access vehicle who resides in 19 this state and qualifies for a parking permit for a person who has a disability under s. 322.181 s. 320.0848, upon 20 application and payment of the appropriate license tax and 21 fees under s. 320.08(1), must be issued a license plate that 22 23 has reduced dimensions as provided under s. 320.06(3)(a). plate must be stamped with the international symbol of 24 accessibility after the numeric and alpha serial number of the 25 26 license plate. The plate entitles the person to all 27 privileges afforded by a disabled parking permit issued under 28 s. 322.181 s. 320.0848. 29 Section 6. Subsection (5) of section 320.084, Florida 30 Statutes, is amended to read: 31

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

- (5) A county or municipality, or any agency thereof, may not impose upon any person who is issued a license plate with the international accessibility symbol, under this section, any fee or penalty for parking in any metered or timed parking space except:
 - (a) As provided in s. 316.1964; or
- (b) When the person is parked without a permit issued under $\underline{s.\ 322.181}$ $\underline{s.\ 320.0848}$ in a space designated for use by persons who have disabilities.

Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 320.0842, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.0842 Free motor vehicle license plates to veterans who use wheelchairs.--

- (2) In order to be eligible for the motor vehicle license plate described in subsection (1), a person must comply with the following provisions:
- (a) The veteran must be eligible for the license plate issued under s. 320.084 and must apply for the license plate issued under this section in lieu of or in exchange for the motor vehicle license number plate authorized by s. 320.084; and
- (b) The veteran must offer, in addition to the proof required by s. 320.084(1), proof that due to a service-connected disability he or she permanently uses a wheelchair or proof, in the form of an application that conforms to the requirements set forth in <u>s. 322.181 s.</u> 320.0848, that he or she qualifies for a disabled parking permit under that section. The license plate entitles the

person to all privileges afforded by a parking permit issued under s. $322.181 \frac{\text{s. } 320.0848}{\text{s. }}$.

Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 320.0843, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.0843 License plates for persons with disabilities eligible for permanent disabled parking permits.--

(1) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who resides in this state and qualifies for a disabled parking permit under $\underline{s. 322.181(2)}\underline{s. 320.0848(2)}$, upon application to the department and payment of the license tax for a motor vehicle registered under $\underline{s. 320.08(2)}$, $\underline{(3)(a)}$, $\underline{(b)}$, $\underline{(c)}$, or $\underline{(e)}$, $\underline{(4)(a)}$ or $\underline{(b)}$, $\underline{(6)(a)}$, or $\underline{(9)(c)}$ or $\underline{(d)}$, shall be issued a license plate as provided by $\underline{s. 320.06}$ which, in lieu of the serial number prescribed by $\underline{s. 320.06}$, shall be stamped with the international wheelchair user symbol after the serial number of the license plate. The license plate entitles the person to all privileges afforded by a parking permit issued under $\underline{s. 322.181}$ $\underline{s. 320.0848}$.

Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 322.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.051 Identification cards.--

- (1) Any person who is 12 years of age or older, or any person who has a disability, regardless of age, who applies for a disabled parking permit under $\underline{s.\ 322.181}\ \underline{s.\ 320.0848}$, may be issued an identification card by the department upon completion of an application and payment of an application fee.
- (a) Each such application shall include the following information regarding the applicant:

 Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender, social security card number, residence and mailing address, and a brief description.

- 2. Proof of birth date satisfactory to the department.
- 3. Proof of identity satisfactory to the department. Such proof must include one of the following unless a driver's license record or identification card record has already been established: a certified copy of a United States birth certificate, a valid United States passport, an alien registration receipt card (green card), an employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Justice, or proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the United States Department of Justice, for an original identification card.
- (b) An application for an identification card must be signed and verified by the applicant in a format designated by the department before a person authorized to administer oaths. The fee for an identification card is \$3, including payment for the color photograph or digital image of the applicant.

Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 526.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

526.141 Self-service gasoline stations; attendants; regulations.--

(5)(a) Every full-service gasoline station offering self-service at a lesser cost shall require an attendant employed by the station to dispense gasoline from the self-service portion of the station to any motor vehicle properly displaying an exemption parking permit as provided in s. 316.1958 or s. 322.181 s. 320.0848 or a license plate issued pursuant to s. 320.084, s. 320.0842, s. 320.0843, or s. 320.0845 when the person to whom such permit has been issued

is the operator of the vehicle and such service is requested. Such stations shall prominently display a decal no larger than 2 3 8 square inches on the front of all self-service pumps clearly 4 stating the requirements of this subsection and the penalties 5 applicable to violations of this subsection. The Department 6 of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall enforce this 7 requirement. 8 Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 553.5041, 9 Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 553.5041 Parking spaces for persons who have 10 11 disabilities.--12 (3) If parking spaces are provided for self-parking by employees or visitors, or both, accessible spaces shall be 13 14 provided in each such parking area. Such spaces shall be designed and marked for the exclusive use of those individuals 15 who have a severe physical disability and have permanent or 16 17 temporary mobility problems that substantially impair their 18 ability to ambulate and who have been issued either a disabled 19 parking permit under s. 316.1958 or s. 322.181 s. 320.0848 or a license plate under s. 320.084, s. 320.0842, s. 320.0843, or 20 21 s. 320.0845. 22 Section 12. This act shall take effect October 1, 2002. 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

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