

By Representative Ball

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to disabled parking permits;
3 amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; providing that
4 certain advanced registered nurse practitioners
5 and physician assistants may provide
6 certification for disability required for the
7 issuance of a disabled parking permit;
8 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. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
13 320.0848, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of
15 disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for
16 certain providers of transportation services to persons who
17 have disabilities.--

18 (1)

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

23 a. Inability to walk without the use of or assistance
24 from a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, or other
25 assistive device, or without the assistance of another person.
26 If the assistive device significantly restores the person's
27 ability to walk to the extent that the person can walk without
28 severe limitation, the person is not eligible for the
29 exemption parking permit.

30 b. The need to permanently use a wheelchair.

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

6 d. Use of portable oxygen.

7 e. Restriction by cardiac condition to the extent that
8 the person's functional limitations are classified in severity
9 as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the
10 American Heart Association.

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

13 2. The certification of disability which is required
14 under subparagraph 1. must be provided by a physician licensed
15 under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 460, by a podiatric
16 physician licensed under chapter 461, by an optometrist
17 licensed under chapter 463, by an advanced registered nurse
18 practitioner licensed under chapter 464 in a facility operated
19 by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs under the
20 protocol of a licensed physician as stated in this
21 subparagraph, by a physician assistant licensed under chapter
22 458 or chapter 459 in a facility operated by the United States
23 Department of Veterans Affairs,by the Adjudication Office of
24 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its
25 predecessor, or by a similarly licensed physician from another
26 state if the application is accompanied by documentation of
27 the physician's licensure in the other state and a form signed
28 by the out-of-state physician verifying his or her knowledge
29 of this state's eligibility guidelines.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides that described advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants working in a facility operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs may provide certification of disability required for issuance of a disabled parking permit.