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An act relating to disabled parking permits; amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; requiring a disabled parking permit placard to display the person's image; providing an effective date.

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

9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph 10 (a) of subsection (3) of section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, are 11 amended to read:

12 320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of 13 disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain 14 providers of transportation services to persons who have 15 disabilities.-

16 (2) DISABLED PARKING PERMIT; PERSONS WITH LONG-TERM
17 MOBILITY PROBLEMS.—

The disabled parking permit is a placard that can be 18 (a) 19 placed in a motor vehicle so as to be visible from the front and 20 rear of the vehicle. Each side of the placard must have the 21 international symbol of accessibility in a contrasting color in 22 the center so as to be visible. One side of the placard must 23 display a color photograph or digital image of the applicant and 24 the applicant's driver driver's license number or state 25 identification card number along with a warning that the applicant must have such identification at all times while using 26 27 the parking permit. In those cases where the severity of the 28 disability prevents a disabled person from physically visiting

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29 or being transported to a driver license or tax collector office 30 to obtain a driver driver's license or identification card, a 31 certifying physician may sign the exemption section of the 32 department's parking permit application to exempt the disabled 33 person from being issued a driver driver's license or 34 identification card for the number to be displayed on the 35 parking permit. A validation sticker must also be issued with 36 each disabled parking permit, showing the month and year of 37 expiration on each side of the placard. Validation stickers must 38 be of the size specified by the Department of Highway Safety and 39 Motor Vehicles and must be affixed to the disabled parking permits. The disabled parking permits must use the same colors 40 41 as license plate validations.

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(3) DISABLED PARKING PERMIT; TEMPORARY.-

43 The temporary disabled parking permit is a placard of (a) 44 a different color from the color of the long-term disabled parking permit placard, and must clearly display the date of 45 expiration in large print and with color coding, but is 46 47 identical to the long-term disabled parking permit placard in all other respects, including, but not limited to, the inclusion 48 49 of a color photograph or digital image of the applicant and a 50 state identification card number or driver driver's license 51 number on one side of the temporary permit. The temporary disabled parking permit placard must be designed to 52 53 conspicuously display the expiration date of the permit on the 54 front and back of the placard.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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