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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to parking permits for persons with  
 3           mobility impairment; amending s. 320.0848, F.S.;  
 4           directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
 5           Vehicles to design and issue a sticker for use as a  
 6           parking permit in lieu of a placard; providing an  
 7           effective date.

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

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 11           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
 12           320.0848, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

19           (a) The disabled parking permit is a placard that can be  
 20           placed in a motor vehicle so as to be visible from the front and  
 21           rear of the vehicle or a sticker that can be affixed to a  
 22           registration license plate, including special and specialty  
 23           license plates, issued under this chapter.

24           1. Each side of the placard must have the international  
 25           symbol of accessibility in a contrasting color in the center so  
 26           as to be visible. One side of the placard must display the  
 27           applicant's driver ~~driver's~~ license number or state  
 28           identification card number along with a warning that the  
 29           applicant must have such identification at all times while using

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

45 2. The department shall design a sticker displaying the  
46 international symbol of accessibility which may be affixed to  
47 the upper left corner of a registration license plate issued  
48 under this chapter. The sticker may be issued in lieu of the  
49 placard under subparagraph 1. to persons with long-term mobility  
50 problems and shall be valid for the same parking and other  
51 privileges as a placard issued under this section.

52 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.