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Assembly, No. 2947

1 AN ACT concerning ¹【certain disabled person】¹ identification cards
2 and placards ¹issued to certain persons with a disability¹ and
3 amending various parts of the statutory law.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. The term 【“handicapped”】 ¹【“disabled person”】 ¹“person with
11 a disability”¹ as employed herein shall include any person who has
12 lost the use of one or more limbs as a consequence of paralysis,
13 amputation, or other permanent disability or who ¹【is permanently
14 disabled】 has a permanent disability¹ as to be unable to ambulate
15 without the aid of an assisting device or whose mobility is
16 otherwise limited as certified by a physician with a plenary license
17 to practice medicine and surgery in this State or a bordering State; a
18 podiatrist licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state; a
19 physician stationed at a military or naval installation located in this
20 State who is licensed to practice in any state; 【or,】 a chiropractic
21 physician licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state ; a
22 physician assistant licensed to practice in this State or a bordering
23 state; or a nurse practitioner licensed to practice in this State or a
24 bordering state.

25 (cf: P.L.1999, c.326, s.1)
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27 2. Section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205) is amended to
28 read as follows:

29 2. The 【Director】 Chief Administrator of the 【Division of
30 Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety】 New
31 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue, at the expense of the
32 State of New Jersey, 【handicapped】 ¹【disabled】¹ person ¹with a
33 disability¹ identification cards upon the application of qualifying
34 【handicapped】 ¹【disabled】¹ persons ¹with disabilities¹, as
35 heretofore defined, and after due investigation of the qualifying
36 status of each applicant. Said card shall, amongst other things,
37 identify the 【handicapped】 ¹【disabled】¹ persons ¹with disabilities¹
38 and the registration number of the vehicle for which any
39 wheelchair symbol license plates have been issued under the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets 【thus】 in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly floor amendments adopted June 21, 2012.

1 provisions of section 3 of **[this act]** P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-206)
2 and shall state that he is a **[handicapped]** '**[disabled]**' person 'with
3 a disability'¹ validly qualified hereunder to receive such card, that
4 said card is for the exclusive use of the person to whom it has been
5 duly issued, is nontransferable and will be forfeited if presented by
6 any other person, and that any abuse of any privilege, benefit,
7 precedence or consideration granted to any person to whom such
8 card may be issued will be sufficient cause for revocation of said
9 card, corresponding windshield placard and wheelchair symbol
10 license plates, and the same may be forfeited or revoked
11 accordingly, and in the absence of any such forfeiture or revocation
12 said card shall be valid **[indefinitely]** until the last day of the 36th
13 calendar month following the calendar month in which that card
14 was issued.

15 Every application for the issuance or renewal of a '**[disabled]**'
16 person 'with a disability' identification card shall contain a
17 statement signed by a physician, podiatrist, chiropractic physician,
18 physician assistant, or nurse practitioner licensed to practice in this
19 State or a bordering state or a physician stationed at a military or
20 naval installation located in this State who is licensed to practice in
21 any state, certifying that the applicant's stated disability qualifies
22 the applicant to meet the definition of '**[“disabled person”]** “person
23 with a disability”¹ pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-
24 204). In order to be approved, the application for a '**[disabled]**'
25 person 'with a disability' identification card shall be submitted to
26 the commission not more than 60 days following the date upon
27 which a physician, podiatrist, chiropractic physician, physician
28 assistant, or nurse practitioner certifies that the applicant meets the
29 definition of '**[“disabled person”]** “person with a disability”¹
30 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204). The
31 application shall also include any additional information pertinent
32 to the certification which the chief administrator, in the chief
33 administrator's discretion, may require, including, but not limited
34 to, the National Provider Identifier or state-issued licensing number
35 of the physician, podiatrist, chiropractic physician, physician
36 assistant, or nurse practitioner who certifies the applicant's
37 eligibility for a '**[disabled]**' person 'with a disability'
38 identification card.

39 (cf: P.L.1981, c.36, s.2)

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41 3. Section 3 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-206) is amended to
42 read as follows:

43 3. The **[director]** chief administrator shall issue to such
44 applicant, also, a placard of such size and design as shall be
45 determined by the **[director]** chief administrator in consultation
46 with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the

1 Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the **[Office]**
2 Division of Disability Services in the Department of Human
3 Services, indicating that a **[handicapped]** **'[disabled]'** person 'with
4 a disability' identification card has been issued to the person
5 designated therein, which shall be displayed in such manner as the
6 **[director]** chief administrator shall determine on the motor vehicle
7 used to transport the **[handicapped]** **'[disabled]'** person 'with a
8 disability', when the vehicle is parked overtime or in special
9 parking places established for use by **[handicapped]** **'[disabled]'**
10 persons 'with disabilities'. If issued in conjunction with a
11 '[disabled]' person 'with a disability' identification card pursuant
12 to section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205), the placard issued
13 pursuant to this paragraph shall be valid until the last day of the
14 36th calendar month following the calendar month in which such
15 placard was issued. If the placard is issued following the date on
16 which the chief administrator issued the applicant a '[disabled]'
17 person 'with a disability' identification card pursuant to section 2
18 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205), then that placard shall be valid up
19 until the date on which the '[disabled]' person 'with a disability'
20 identification card is deemed invalid. Any placard issued by the
21 chief administrator shall display, in a clearly visible manner, the
22 date on which it shall become invalid. The placard may be renewed
23 upon application in accordance with the requirements of this
24 chapter.

25 Any placard issued prior to the effective date of
26 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
27 shall be deemed invalid on the last day of the 36th calendar month
28 following the calendar month in which such effective date occurs.
29 The chief administrator may recall any placard deemed invalid
30 pursuant to this section.

31 Notwithstanding any provision of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204 et
32 seq.) to the contrary, the chief of police of each municipality in this
33 State shall issue a temporary placard of not more than six months'
34 duration to any person who has temporarily lost the use of one or
35 more limbs or **'[is temporarily disabled]** has a temporary
36 disability' as to be unable to ambulate without the aid of an
37 assisting device or whose mobility is otherwise temporarily limited,
38 as certified by a physician with a plenary license to practice
39 medicine and surgery in this State or a bordering State; a podiatrist
40 licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state; a physician
41 stationed at a military or naval installation located in this State who
42 is licensed to practice in any state; **[or]** a chiropractic physician
43 licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state ; a physician
44 assistant licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state; or a
45 nurse practitioner licensed to practice in this State or a bordering
46 state. Each temporary **[handicapped]** **'[disabled]'** placard issued

1 under the provisions of this section shall **[set forth]** display, in a
2 clearly visible manner, the date on which it shall become invalid.

3 The temporary placard shall be granted upon written certification
4 by a physician with a plenary license to practice medicine and
5 surgery **[or]** in this State or a bordering State ; a podiatrist licensed
6 to practice in this State or a bordering state **[or]** ; a physician
7 stationed at a military or naval installation located in this State who
8 is licensed to practice in any state ; a chiropractic physician licensed
9 to practice in this State or a bordering state, a physician assistant
10 licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state; or a nurse
11 practitioner licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state
12 that the person meets the conditions constituting temporary
13 disability as provided in this section. This certification shall be
14 provided on a standard form to be developed by the **[director]** chief
15 administrator in consultation with local chiefs of police and
16 representatives of **'[the [handicapped] disabled] persons with**
17 **disabilities'**. The form shall contain only those conditions
18 constituting temporary disability as are provided in this section.
19 The physical presence of the **[handicapped]** **'[disabled]'** person
20 **'with a disability'** shall not be required for the issuance of a
21 temporary **[handicapped]** **'[disabled]'** placard.

22 The temporary placard may be renewed one time at the
23 discretion of the issuing authority for a period of not more than six
24 months' duration. The placard shall be displayed on the motor
25 vehicle used by the **'[temporarily [handicapped] disabled]'** person
26 **'with a temporary disability'** and shall give the person the right to
27 park overtime or to use special parking places established for use by
28 **[handicapped]** **'[disabled]'** persons **'with disabilities'** in any
29 municipality of this State.

30 The fee for the issuance of **[such]** a temporary **[or permanent]**
31 placard issued pursuant to this section shall be \$4.00 and payable to
32 the **[Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles]** New Jersey Motor
33 Vehicle Commission. No fee shall be charged for the issuance of a
34 permanent placard issued pursuant to this section.

35 The **[director]** chief administrator may, in addition, issue license
36 plates bearing the national wheelchair symbol for:

37 a. Not more than two motor vehicles owned, operated or leased
38 by a **[handicapped]** **'[disabled]'** person **'with a disability'** or by
39 any person furnishing transportation on his behalf; or

40 b. Any two motorcycles owned, operated or leased by a
41 **[handicapped]** **'[disabled]'** person **'with a disability'**.

42 **[The fee for the issuance of such plates shall be \$10.00 for each**
43 **vehicle.]**

44 (cf: P.L.1999, c.326, s.2)

1 4. Section 5 of P.L.1981, c.36 (C.39:4-207.1) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 5. The **【Director】** Chief Administrator of the **【Division of**
4 **Motor Vehicles】** New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall
5 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the
6 purposes of **【this act】** P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204 et seq.), as
7 amended and supplemented.

8 (cf: P.L.1981, c.36, s.5)

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10 5. Section 3 of P.L.1984, c.50 (C.39:4-207.4) is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 3. A motor vehicle owned or operated by a federal, State,
13 county or municipal entity or a public or private nonprofit
14 organization incorporated under the laws of this State and used to
15 transport persons with intellectual disabilities, and which is
16 properly identified in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of
17 **【this act】** P.L.1984, c.50 (C.39:4-207.2), is authorized to park in a
18 space appropriately marked for vehicles for **'【the physically**
19 **【handicapped】 disabled】 persons with physical disabilities'**
20 pursuant to law whenever the vehicle is being used to transport
21 persons with intellectual disabilities.

22 (cf: P.L.2010, c.50, s.65)

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24 6. Section 1 of P.L.1986, c.25 (C.39:4-207.5) is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 1. A motor vehicle with a special license plate, placard or
27 parking permit issued to a **【handicapped】** **'【disabled】'** person **'with**
28 **a disability**' by another state, district or territory of the United
29 States, or by Canada shall be entitled to special parking privileges
30 for **'【the 【handicapped】 disabled】 persons with disabilities'**
31 established by any law or by any ordinance, resolution or
32 regulation.

33 (cf: P.L.1986, c.25, s.1)

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35 7. Section 1 of P.L.1989, c.200 (C.39:4-207.6) is amended to
36 read as follows:

37 1. As used in this act:

38 a. "Appropriate identification" means, in the case of a
39 restricted parking zone, a permit issued by a municipality under the
40 authority granted by section 2 of P.L.1977, c.309 (C.39:4-197.7)
41 and, in the case of a restricted parking space, a placard or
42 wheelchair symbol license plates issued by the **【Division of Motor**
43 **Vehicles】** New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission under section 3
44 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-206).

45 b. "Eligible **【handicapped】** **'【disabled】'** person **'with a**
46 **disability**" means a **【handicapped】** **'【disabled】'** person **'with a**

1 disability¹ who is the holder of (1) an identification card issued by
2 the **【Division of Motor Vehicles】** New Jersey Motor Vehicle
3 Commission under section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205), or (2)
4 a permit issued by a municipality under the authority granted by
5 section 2 of P.L.1977, c.309 (C.39:4-197.7).

6 c. "Park unlawfully" means to park a motor vehicle in a
7 restricted parking space or a restricted parking zone if the motor
8 vehicle does not display appropriate identification.

9 d. "Restricted parking space" means a parking space which the
10 State or a local government has established for the exclusive use of
11 a **【handicapped】** **‘【disabled】’** person ‘with a disability’¹ but shall
12 not include a restricted parking zone established under section 1 of
13 P.L.1977, c.309 (C.39:4-197.6).

14 e. "Restricted parking zone" means a parking zone in front of
15 the residence of a **【handicapped】** **‘【disabled】’** person ‘with a
16 disability’¹ which a municipality has established for the use of that
17 **【handicapped】** **‘【disabled】’** person ‘with a disability’¹ under the
18 authority granted by section 1 of P.L.1977, c.309 (C.39:4-197.6).
19 (cf: P.L.1989, c.200, s.1)

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21 8. Section 2 of P.L.1989, c.200 (C.39:4-207.7) is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 2. a. An eligible **【handicapped】** **‘【disabled】’** person ‘with a
24 disability’¹ may request a law enforcement officer to arrange for the
25 removal and storage of a motor vehicle which is parked unlawfully
26 in a parking space or zone which is restricted for use by a
27 **【handicapped】** **‘【disabled】’** person ‘with a disability’¹. It shall be
28 the obligation of the owner of the motor vehicle to pay the
29 reasonable costs for the removal and for any storage which may
30 result from the removal.

31 b. The removal of a motor vehicle under this section is subject
32 to local ordinances concerning the regulation of that practice,
33 including, but not limited to, the fees charged for the removal,
34 notice requirements therefor, and the licensing of persons engaged
35 in that practice.

36 c. The assessment of removal and storage costs against a
37 person under this section shall be in addition to any other penalty
38 assessed against the person.

39 (cf: P.L.1989, c.200, s.2)

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41 9. Section 6 of P.L.1989, c.201 (C.39:4-207.8) is amended to
42 read as follows:

43 6. The **【Director】** Chief Administrator of the **【Division of**
44 **Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety】** New
45 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue a **【handicapped】**
46 **‘【disabled】’** nursing home resident ‘with a disability’¹ identification

1 card and corresponding windshield placard upon the application of
2 a nursing home owner or operator for use in a vehicle owned or
3 operated by the nursing home when that vehicle is used to transport
4 **[handicapped]** '**[disabled]**' nursing home residents 'with
5 disabilities'. The identification card and corresponding windshield
6 placard shall identify the nursing home owner or operator and the
7 registration number of the nursing home's vehicle for which the
8 card is issued, and shall state that: the nursing home owner or
9 operator is validly qualified to receive the identification card and
10 corresponding windshield placard; the identification card and
11 corresponding windshield placard are for the exclusive use of the
12 nursing home's vehicle when transporting a **[handicapped]**
13 '**[disabled]**' nursing home resident 'with a disability'; the
14 identification card and corresponding windshield placard are not
15 transferable and will be forfeited if used for purposes not authorized
16 under this act; and an abuse of any privilege, benefit, precedence or
17 consideration granted to a person to whom the identification card
18 and corresponding windshield placard are issued will be sufficient
19 cause for revocation of the identification card and corresponding
20 windshield placard and the same may be forfeited or revoked
21 accordingly, and in the absence of a forfeiture or revocation, the
22 identification card and corresponding windshield placard are valid
23 indefinitely.

24 The windshield placard shall be displayed on the vehicle when
25 the vehicle is used to transport **[handicapped]** '**[disabled]**' nursing
26 home residents 'with disabilities'. A vehicle displaying this
27 windshield placard is authorized to park in a space appropriately
28 marked for vehicles for 'the physically **[handicapped]** **[disabled]**
29 persons with physical disabilities' only when delivering or
30 receiving **[handicapped]** '**[disabled]**' nursing home residents 'with
31 disabilities' from one location to another. The vehicle is not
32 permitted to park in 'designated' **[handicapped]** '**[disabled]**'
33 parking spaces designated for persons with disabilities' when it is
34 not transporting **[handicapped]** '**[disabled]**' nursing home
35 residents 'with disabilities'.

36 The fee for the issuance of the identification card and
37 corresponding windshield placard issued pursuant to this section is
38 \$4.00 and is payable to the **[Director]** Chief Administrator of the
39 **[Division of Motor Vehicles]** New Jersey Motor Vehicle
40 Commission.

41 (cf: P.L.1989, c.201, s.6)

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43 10. Section 1 of P.L.1999, c.182 (C.39:4-207.9) is amended to
44 read as follows:

45 1. a. A person who owns or controls a parking area which is
46 open to the public or to which the public is invited and which

1 contains special parking spaces for the use of persons who have
2 been issued a placard or wheelchair symbol license plates pursuant
3 to P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204 et seq.) shall be responsible for
4 assuring that access to these special parking spaces and to curb cuts
5 or other improvements designed to provide accessibility for
6 **【handicapped】** **‘【disabled】’** persons **‘with disabilities’** is not
7 obstructed.

8 b. If snow or ice is obstructing the special parking space, curb
9 cut or other improvement designed to provide accessibility for the
10 **【handicapped】** **‘【disabled】’** person **‘with a disability’**, it shall be
11 removed within 24 hours after the weather condition causing the
12 snow or ice ceases.

13 c. A person who violates this act shall be liable for a penalty of
14 not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000 for each space that is
15 obstructed.

16 (cf: P.L.2007, c.287, s.1)

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18 11. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
19 month following enactment. The chief administrator may take such
20 anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary
21 for the implementation of this act.

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26 _____
27 Makes various revisions to laws concerning disabled person
identification cards and placards related to parking privileges.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2947

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 14, 2012

Sponsored by:

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District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

Assemblyman REED GUSCIORA

District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

SYNOPSIS

Provides certain restrictions in acquiring and displaying handicapped placards.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning handicapped parking and amending P.L.1949,
2 c.280.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 2. a. The **【**Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the
10 Department of Law and Public Safety**】** Chief Administrator of the
11 Motor Vehicle Commission in the Department of Transportation
12 shall issue, at the expense of the State of New Jersey, handicapped
13 person identification cards upon the application of qualifying
14 handicapped persons, as heretofore defined, and after due
15 investigation of the qualifying status of each applicant. Said card
16 shall, amongst other things, identify the handicapped persons and
17 the registration number of the vehicle for which any wheelchair
18 symbol license plates have been issued under the provisions of
19 section 3 of this act and shall state that he is a handicapped person
20 validly qualified hereunder to receive such card, that said card is for
21 the exclusive use of the person to whom it has been duly issued, is
22 nontransferable and will be forfeited if presented by any other
23 person, and that any abuse of any privilege, benefit, precedence or
24 consideration granted to any person to whom such card may be
25 issued will be sufficient cause for revocation of said card,
26 corresponding windshield placard and wheelchair symbol license
27 plates, and the same may be forfeited or revoked accordingly, and
28 in the absence of any such forfeiture or revocation said card shall be
29 valid **【indefinitely】** for a period of time as prescribed by the Chief
30 Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission.

31 b. Application for issuance or renewal of a handicapped person
32 identification card in the form of an individual placard or decal
33 shall include:

34 (1) A certificate, signed and dated within six months preceding
35 the date of application, by a licensed physician or a certified nurse
36 practitioner that the applicant is a person with a disability or a
37 certificate, signed and dated within six months preceding the date of
38 application; and

39 (2) The state-issued licensing number of the licensed physician,
40 certified nurse practitioner, or licensed physician assistant who
41 signed the certificate described in paragraph (1) of this section; and

42 (3) The number of a current, valid driver license, identification
43 card, or handicapped identification card issued to the applicant by
44 the department.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 c. The corresponding windshield placard shall be renewed
2 concurrently upon the renewal of the handicapped person
3 identification card as directed by the chief administrator. The
4 expiration date shall be clearly visible on the placard in a manner
5 prescribed by the chief administrator.

6 d. Renewal of a handicapped person identification card shall
7 occur every four years at the Motor Vehicle Commission in
8 conjunction with license renewal.

9 (c.f. P.L.1981, c. 36, s. 2)

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11 2. Section 3 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-206) is amended to read
12 as follows:

13 3. The **【director】** chief administrator shall issue to such
14 applicant, also, a placard of such size and design as shall be
15 determined by the **【director】** chief administrator in consultation
16 with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the
17 Department of Labor and the Office of Disability Services in the
18 Department of Human Services, indicating that a handicapped
19 person identification card has been issued to the person designated
20 therein, which shall be displayed in such manner as the **【director】**
21 chief administrator shall determine on the motor vehicle used to
22 transport the handicapped person, when the vehicle is parked
23 overtime or in special parking places established for use by
24 handicapped persons.

25 Notwithstanding any provision of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204 et
26 seq.) to the contrary, the chief of police of each municipality in this
27 State shall issue a temporary placard of not more than six months'
28 duration to any person who has temporarily lost the use of one or
29 more limbs or is temporarily disabled as to be unable to ambulate
30 without the aid of an assisting device or whose mobility is
31 otherwise temporarily limited, as certified by a physician with a
32 plenary license to practice medicine and surgery; a podiatrist
33 licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state; a physician
34 stationed at a military or naval installation located in this State who
35 is licensed to practice in any state; or a chiropractic physician
36 licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state. Each
37 temporary handicapped placard issued under the provisions of this
38 section shall set forth the date on which it shall become invalid.

39 The temporary placard shall be granted upon written certification
40 by a physician with a plenary license to practice medicine and
41 surgery or a podiatrist licensed to practice in this State or a
42 bordering state or a physician stationed at a military or naval
43 installation located in this State who is licensed to practice in any
44 state that the person meets the conditions constituting temporary
45 disability as provided in this section. This certification shall be
46 provided on a standard form to be developed by the **【director】** chief
47 administrator in consultation with local chiefs of police and
48 representatives of the handicapped. The form shall contain only

1 those conditions constituting temporary disability as are provided in
2 this section. The physical presence of the handicapped person shall
3 not be required for the issuance of a temporary handicapped
4 placard.

5 The placard may be renewed one time at the discretion of the
6 issuing authority for a period of not more than six months' duration.
7 The expiration date shall be clearly visible on the placard. The
8 application for renewal of a handicapped person identification card
9 or parking placard shall include a signed statement from the holder
10 of the permit saying that the person continues to qualify to hold the
11 card and placard. The placard shall be displayed on the motor
12 vehicle used by the temporarily handicapped person and shall give
13 the person the right to park overtime or to use special parking
14 places established for use by handicapped persons in any
15 municipality of this State.

16 The fee for the issuance of such temporary or permanent placard
17 issued pursuant to this section shall be \$4.00 and payable to the
18 **[Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles]** Chief Administrator
19 of the Motor Vehicle Commission.

20 The **[director]** chief administrator may, in addition, issue license
21 plates bearing the national wheelchair symbol for:

22 a. Not more than two motor vehicles owned, operated or leased
23 by a handicapped person or by any person furnishing transportation
24 on his behalf; or

25 b. Any two motorcycles owned, operated or leased by a
26 handicapped person.

27 The fee for the issuance of such plates shall be \$10.00 for each
28 vehicle.

29 (cf: P.L.1999, c.326, s.2)

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31 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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36 Provides certain restrictions in acquiring and displaying
37 handicapped placards.

38 Specifically, this bill requires a medical professionals
39 certification to attain and renew a handicap person identification
40 card or placard, requires all handicap windshield placards to be
41 issued with a prominently displayed expiration date, and requires
42 that permanent placards be renewed every four years in conjunction
43 with license renewal.

44 Under New Jersey law, only the person issued the identification
45 card may use the placard. If the driver is not the person in
46 possession of a handicapped identification card, the person must be
47 present in the vehicle. Regulations also prohibit a placard holder
48 from allowing someone else to use their placard.

1 A person who illegally obtains handicapped placards may be
2 prosecuted under the criminal code for falsifying records. If
3 convicted, the offender may be subject to a fine up to \$10,000, and
4 a term of imprisonment of up to 18 months, or both.

5 Several States including Florida, California, Pennsylvania,
6 Oregon, and Wisconsin have some or all of these restrictions in
7 place. It has been reported that some individuals continue to use
8 disabled parking permits after they no longer need them.

9 Currently, there is no requirement for the placards to contain a
10 visible expiration date. Although this will not completely guard
11 against the fraud, these requirements would assist law enforcement
12 in quickly detecting expired placards and curtail misuse by New
13 Jersey residents.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND
INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 2947

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2012

The Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 2947.

As reported, this substitute bill revises the law governing the issuance of disabled person identification cards and placards issued by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. The substitute bill also extends the ability to certify a person as disabled to physician assistants and nurse practitioners licensed in this State or a bordering state.

The bill revises the application procedures for disabled person identification cards by requiring an application for a disabled person identification card to contain a statement signed by certain licensed medical professionals stating that the applicant meets the statutory definition of a “disabled person.” The application must be submitted within 60 days of the applicant being certified as a “disabled person.” The identification card expires three years following the date of issuance.

All placards issued pursuant to the provisions of the substitute shall expire 36 months following issuance or upon the expiration of a linked identification card. Placards issued prior to the effective date of the substitute shall expire on the last day of the 36th month following the substitute’s effective date. The placard must display a clearly visible expiration date.

The substitute also revises current law by changing references to “handicapped person” into “disabled person” and updating references to the Division of Motor Vehicles into the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. Finally, the substitute eliminates the fee currently permitted in statute for the issuance of permanent placards.

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 2947

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblyman SINGLETON)

ADOPTED: JUNE 21, 2012

These Assembly amendments change reference in the bill from “disabled person” and “disabled nursing home resident” to the preferred people-first “person with a disability” and “nursing home resident with a disability.”

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, No. 2947

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 19, 2012

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 2947(1R).

As reported, this substitute revises the law governing the issuance of “person with a disability” identification cards and placards issued by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. The bill also extends the ability to certify a person as having a disability to physician assistants and nurse practitioners licensed in this State or a bordering state.

The substitute revises the application process for “person with a disability” identification cards by requiring an application for a “person with a disability” identification card to contain a statement signed by certain licensed medical professionals stating that the applicant meets the statutory definition of a “person with a disability.” The application must be submitted within 60 days of the applicant being certified as a “person with a disability.”

All placards issued pursuant to the provisions of the substitute shall expire 36 months following issuance or upon the expiration of a “person with a disability” identification card. The identification cards expire on the last day of the 36th month after issuance. Placards issued prior to the effective date of the substitute shall expire on the last day of the 36th month following the bill’s effective date. The placard must display a clearly visible expiration date.

The substitute also changes references in the law from “disabled person” and “disabled nursing home resident” to the preferred people-first “person with a disability” and “nursing home resident with a disability.”

Finally, the substitute eliminates the fee currently permitted by law for the issuance of permanent placards.

Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 2947(1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 2238, which was also reported by the committee on this day.

SENATE, No. 2238

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 4, 2012

Sponsored by:

Senator DIANE B. ALLEN

District 7 (Burlington)

Senator JOSEPH PENNACCHIO

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Makes various revisions to laws concerning disabled person identification cards and placards related to parking privileges.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/20/2012)

1 AN ACT concerning identification cards and placards issued to
2 certain persons with a disability and amending various parts of
3 the statutory law.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. The term **["handicapped person"]** "person with a disability"
11 as employed herein shall include any person who has lost the use of
12 one or more limbs as a consequence of paralysis, amputation, or
13 other permanent disability or who **[is permanently disabled]** has a
14 permanent disability as to be unable to ambulate without the aid of
15 an assisting device or whose mobility is otherwise limited as
16 certified by a physician with a plenary license to practice medicine
17 and surgery in this State or a bordering State; a podiatrist licensed
18 to practice in this State or a bordering state; a physician stationed at
19 a military or naval installation located in this State who is licensed
20 to practice in any state; **[or,]** a chiropractic physician licensed to
21 practice in this State or a bordering state ; a physician assistant
22 licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state; or a nurse
23 practitioner licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state.
24 (cf: P.L.1999, c.326, s.1)

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26 2. Section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205) is amended to
27 read as follows:

28 2. The **[Director]** Chief Administrator of the **[Division of**
29 **Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety]** New
30 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue, at the expense of the
31 State of New Jersey, **[handicapped]** person with a disability
32 identification cards upon the application of qualifying
33 **[handicapped]** persons with disabilities, as heretofore defined, and
34 after due investigation of the qualifying status of each applicant.
35 Said card shall, amongst other things, identify the **[handicapped]**
36 persons with disabilities and the registration number of the vehicle
37 for which any wheelchair symbol license plates have been issued
38 under the provisions of section 3 of **[this act]** P.L.1949, c.280
39 (C.39:4-206) and shall state that he is a **[handicapped]** person with
40 a disability validly qualified hereunder to receive such card, that
41 said card is for the exclusive use of the person to whom it has been
42 duly issued, is nontransferable and will be forfeited if presented by
43 any other person, and that any abuse of any privilege, benefit,
44 precedence or consideration granted to any person to whom such

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 card may be issued will be sufficient cause for revocation of said
2 card, corresponding windshield placard and wheelchair symbol
3 license plates, and the same may be forfeited or revoked
4 accordingly, and in the absence of any such forfeiture or revocation
5 said card shall be valid **【indefinitely】** until the last day of the 36th
6 calendar month following the calendar month in which that card
7 was issued.

8 Every application for the issuance or renewal of a person with a
9 disability identification card shall contain a statement signed by a
10 physician, podiatrist, chiropractic physician, physician assistant, or
11 nurse practitioner licensed to practice in this State or a bordering
12 state or a physician stationed at a military or naval installation
13 located in this State who is licensed to practice in any state,
14 certifying that the applicant's stated disability qualifies the
15 applicant to meet the definition of "person with a disability"
16 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204). In order to
17 be approved, the application for a person with a disability
18 identification card shall be submitted to the commission not more
19 than 60 days following the date upon which a physician, podiatrist,
20 chiropractic physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner
21 certifies that the applicant meets the definition of "person with a
22 disability" pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204).
23 The application shall also include any additional information
24 pertinent to the certification which the chief administrator, in the
25 chief administrator's discretion, may require, including, but not
26 limited to, the National Provider Identifier or state-issued licensing
27 number of the physician, podiatrist, chiropractic physician,
28 physician assistant, or nurse practitioner who certifies the
29 applicant's eligibility for a person with a disability identification
30 card.

31 (cf: P.L.1981, c.36, s.2)

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33 3. Section 3 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-206) is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 3. The **【director】** chief administrator shall issue to such
36 applicant, also, a placard of such size and design as shall be
37 determined by the **【director】** chief administrator in consultation
38 with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the
39 Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the **【Office】**
40 Division of Disability Services in the Department of Human
41 Services, indicating that a **【handicapped】** person with a disability
42 identification card has been issued to the person designated therein,
43 which shall be displayed in such manner as the **【director】** chief
44 administrator shall determine on the motor vehicle used to transport
45 the **【handicapped】** person with a disability, when the vehicle is
46 parked overtime or in special parking places established for use by
47 **【handicapped】** persons with disabilities. If issued in conjunction

1 with a person with a disability identification card pursuant to
2 section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205), the placard issued
3 pursuant to this paragraph shall be valid until the last day of the
4 36th calendar month following the calendar month in which such
5 placard was issued. If the placard is issued following the date on
6 which the chief administrator issued the applicant a person with a
7 disability identification card pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1949,
8 c.280 (C.39:4-205), then that placard shall be valid up until the date
9 on which the person with a disability identification card is deemed
10 invalid. Any placard issued by the chief administrator shall display,
11 in a clearly visible manner, the date on which it shall become
12 invalid. The placard may be renewed upon application in
13 accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

14 Any placard issued prior to the effective date of
15 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
16 shall be deemed invalid on the last day of the 36th calendar month
17 following the calendar month in which such effective date occurs.
18 The chief administrator may recall any placard deemed invalid
19 pursuant to this section.

20 Notwithstanding any provision of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204 et
21 seq.) to the contrary, the chief of police of each municipality in this
22 State shall issue a temporary placard of not more than six months'
23 duration to any person who has temporarily lost the use of one or
24 more limbs or **[is temporarily disabled]** has a temporary disability
25 as to be unable to ambulate without the aid of an assisting device or
26 whose mobility is otherwise temporarily limited, as certified by a
27 physician with a plenary license to practice medicine and surgery in
28 this State or a bordering State; a podiatrist licensed to practice in
29 this State or a bordering state; a physician stationed at a military or
30 naval installation located in this State who is licensed to practice in
31 any state; **[or]** a chiropractic physician licensed to practice in this
32 State or a bordering state ; a physician assistant licensed to practice
33 in this State or a bordering state; or a nurse practitioner licensed to
34 practice in this State or a bordering state. Each temporary
35 **[handicapped]** placard issued under the provisions of this section
36 shall **[set forth]** display, in a clearly visible manner, the date on
37 which it shall become invalid.

38 The temporary placard shall be granted upon written certification
39 by a physician with a plenary license to practice medicine and
40 surgery **[or]** in this State or a bordering State; a podiatrist licensed
41 to practice in this State or a bordering state **[or]** ; a physician
42 stationed at a military or naval installation located in this State who
43 is licensed to practice in any state ; a chiropractic physician licensed
44 to practice in this State or a bordering state, a physician assistant
45 licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state; or a nurse
46 practitioner licensed to practice in this State or a bordering state
47 that the person meets the conditions constituting temporary

1 disability as provided in this section. This certification shall be
2 provided on a standard form to be developed by the **[director]** chief
3 administrator in consultation with local chiefs of police and
4 representatives of **[the handicapped]** persons with disabilities. The
5 form shall contain only those conditions constituting temporary
6 disability as are provided in this section. The physical presence of
7 the **[handicapped]** person with a disability shall not be required for
8 the issuance of a temporary **[handicapped]** placard.

9 The temporary placard may be renewed one time at the
10 discretion of the issuing authority for a period of not more than six
11 months' duration. The placard shall be displayed on the motor
12 vehicle used by the **[temporarily handicapped]** person with a
13 temporary disability and shall give the person the right to park
14 overtime or to use special parking places established for use by
15 **[handicapped]** persons with disabilities in any municipality of this
16 State.

17 The fee for the issuance of **[such]** a temporary **[or permanent]**
18 placard issued pursuant to this section shall be \$4.00 and payable to
19 the **[Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles]** New Jersey Motor
20 Vehicle Commission. No fee shall be charged for the issuance of a
21 permanent placard issued pursuant to this section.

22 The **[director]** chief administrator may, in addition, issue license
23 plates bearing the national wheelchair symbol for:

24 a. Not more than two motor vehicles owned, operated or leased
25 by a **[handicapped]** person with a disability or by any person
26 furnishing transportation on his behalf; or

27 b. Any two motorcycles owned, operated or leased by a
28 **[handicapped]** person with a disability.

29 **[The fee for the issuance of such plates shall be \$10.00 for each**
30 **vehicle.]**

31 (cf: P.L.1999, c.326, s.2)

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33 4. Section 5 of P.L.1981, c.36 (C.39:4-207.1) is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 5. The **[Director]** Chief Administrator of the **[Division of**
36 **Motor Vehicles]** New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall
37 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the
38 purposes of **[this act]** P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204 et seq.), as
39 amended and supplemented.

40 (cf: P.L.1981, c.36, s.5)

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42 5. Section 3 of P.L.1984, c.50 (C.39:4-207.4) is amended to
43 read as follows:

44 3. A motor vehicle owned or operated by a federal, State,
45 county or municipal entity or a public or private nonprofit
46 organization incorporated under the laws of this State and used to
47 transport persons with intellectual disabilities, and which is

1 properly identified in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of
2 **【this act】** P.L.1984, c.50 (C.39:4-207.2), is authorized to park in a
3 space appropriately marked for vehicles for **【the physically**
4 **handicapped】** persons with physical disabilities pursuant to law
5 whenever the vehicle is being used to transport persons with
6 intellectual disabilities.

7 (cf: P.L.2010, c.50, s.65)

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9 6. Section 1 of P.L.1986, c.25 (C.39:4-207.5) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 1. A motor vehicle with a special license plate, placard or
12 parking permit issued to a **【handicapped】** person with a disability
13 by another state, district or territory of the United States, or by
14 Canada shall be entitled to special parking privileges for **【the**
15 **handicapped】** persons with disabilities established by any law or by
16 any ordinance, resolution or regulation.

17 (cf: P.L.1986, c.25, s.1)

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19 7. Section 1 of P.L.1989, c.200 (C.39:4-207.6) is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 1. As used in this act:

22 a. "Appropriate identification" means, in the case of a
23 restricted parking zone, a permit issued by a municipality under the
24 authority granted by section 2 of P.L.1977, c.309 (C.39:4-197.7)
25 and, in the case of a restricted parking space, a placard or
26 wheelchair symbol license plates issued by the **【Division of Motor**
27 **Vehicles】** New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission under section 3
28 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-206).

29 b. "Eligible **【handicapped】** person with a disability" means a
30 **【handicapped】** person with a disability who is the holder of (1) an
31 identification card issued by the **【Division of Motor Vehicles】** New
32 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission under section 2 of P.L.1949,
33 c.280 (C.39:4-205), or (2) a permit issued by a municipality under
34 the authority granted by section 2 of P.L.1977, c.309 (C.39:4-
35 197.7).

36 c. "Park unlawfully" means to park a motor vehicle in a
37 restricted parking space or a restricted parking zone if the motor
38 vehicle does not display appropriate identification.

39 d. "Restricted parking space" means a parking space which the
40 State or a local government has established for the exclusive use of
41 a **【handicapped】** person with a disability but shall not include a
42 restricted parking zone established under section 1 of P.L.1977,
43 c.309 (C.39:4-197.6).

44 e. "Restricted parking zone" means a parking zone in front of
45 the residence of a **【handicapped】** person with a disability which a
46 municipality has established for the use of that **【handicapped】**

1 person with a disability under the authority granted by section 1 of
2 P.L.1977, c.309 (C.39:4-197.6).

3 (cf: P.L.1989, c.200, s.1)

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5 8. Section 2 of P.L.1989, c.200 (C.39:4-207.7) is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 2. a. An eligible **【handicapped】** person with a disability may
8 request a law enforcement officer to arrange for the removal and
9 storage of a motor vehicle which is parked unlawfully in a parking
10 space or zone which is restricted for use by a **【handicapped】** person
11 with a disability. It shall be the obligation of the owner of the
12 motor vehicle to pay the reasonable costs for the removal and for
13 any storage which may result from the removal.

14 b. The removal of a motor vehicle under this section is subject
15 to local ordinances concerning the regulation of that practice,
16 including, but not limited to, the fees charged for the removal,
17 notice requirements therefor, and the licensing of persons engaged
18 in that practice.

19 c. The assessment of removal and storage costs against a
20 person under this section shall be in addition to any other penalty
21 assessed against the person.

22 (cf: P.L.1989, c.200, s.2)

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24 9. Section 6 of P.L.1989, c.201 (C.39:4-207.8) is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 6. The **【Director】** Chief Administrator of the **【Division of**
27 **Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety】** New
28 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall issue a **【handicapped】**
29 nursing home resident with a disability identification card and
30 corresponding windshield placard upon the application of a nursing
31 home owner or operator for use in a vehicle owned or operated by
32 the nursing home when that vehicle is used to transport
33 **【handicapped】** nursing home residents with disabilities. The
34 identification card and corresponding windshield placard shall
35 identify the nursing home owner or operator and the registration
36 number of the nursing home's vehicle for which the card is issued,
37 and shall state that: the nursing home owner or operator is validly
38 qualified to receive the identification card and corresponding
39 windshield placard; the identification card and corresponding
40 windshield placard are for the exclusive use of the nursing home's
41 vehicle when transporting a **【handicapped】** nursing home resident
42 with a disability; the identification card and corresponding
43 windshield placard are not transferable and will be forfeited if used
44 for purposes not authorized under this act; and an abuse of any
45 privilege, benefit, precedence or consideration granted to a person
46 to whom the identification card and corresponding windshield
47 placard are issued will be sufficient cause for revocation of the

1 identification card and corresponding windshield placard and the
2 same may be forfeited or revoked accordingly, and in the absence of
3 a forfeiture or revocation, the identification card and corresponding
4 windshield placard are valid indefinitely.

5 The windshield placard shall be displayed on the vehicle when
6 the vehicle is used to transport **【handicapped】** nursing home
7 residents with disabilities. A vehicle displaying this windshield
8 placard is authorized to park in a space appropriately marked for
9 vehicles for **【the physically handicapped】** persons with physical
10 disabilities only when delivering or receiving **【handicapped】**
11 nursing home residents with disabilities from one location to
12 another. The vehicle is not permitted to park in **【designated**
13 **handicapped】** parking spaces designated for persons with
14 disabilities when it is not transporting **【handicapped】** nursing home
15 residents with disabilities.

16 The fee for the issuance of the identification card and
17 corresponding windshield placard issued pursuant to this section is
18 \$4.00 and is payable to the **【Director】** Chief Administrator of the
19 **【Division of Motor Vehicles】** New Jersey Motor Vehicle
20 Commission.

21 (cf: P.L.1989, c.201, s.6)

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23 10. Section 1 of P.L.1999, c.182 (C.39:4-207.9) is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 1. a. A person who owns or controls a parking area which is
26 open to the public or to which the public is invited and which
27 contains special parking spaces for the use of persons who have
28 been issued a placard or wheelchair symbol license plates pursuant
29 to P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204 et seq.) shall be responsible for
30 assuring that access to these special parking spaces and to curb cuts
31 or other improvements designed to provide accessibility for
32 **【handicapped】** persons with disabilities is not obstructed.

33 b. If snow or ice is obstructing the special parking space, curb
34 cut or other improvement designed to provide accessibility for the
35 **【handicapped】** person with a disability, it shall be removed within
36 24 hours after the weather condition causing the snow or ice ceases.

37 c. A person who violates this act shall be liable for a penalty of
38 not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000 for each space that is
39 obstructed.

40 (cf: P.L.2007, c.287, s.1)

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42 11. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
43 month following enactment. The chief administrator may take such
44 anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary
45 for the implementation of this act.

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Finally, the bill eliminates the fee currently permitted in statute for the issuance of permanent placards.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2238

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 19, 2012

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2238.

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