

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of disabled parking placards to and the registration of vehicles by certain veterans with disabilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 504.202, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (d) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(b) ~~[The department shall issue a specialty license plate for a motor vehicle that has a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of two tons or less and that is owned by a veteran of the United States armed forces.]~~ A veteran of the United States armed forces is entitled to register, for the person's own use, two motor vehicles under this section if ~~[the person]~~:

(1) the person has suffered, as a result of military service:

(A) at least a 50 percent service-connected disability; or

(B) a 40 percent service-connected disability because of the amputation of a lower extremity; ~~and~~

(2) the person receives compensation from the United States because of the disability; and

(3) the motor vehicle:

(A) is owned by the person; and

(B) has a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity

1 of two tons or less.

2 (d) A statement by the veterans county service officer of
3 the county in which a vehicle described by Subsection (c) [~~(b)~~] is
4 registered or by the Department of Veterans Affairs that a vehicle
5 is used exclusively to transport veterans with disabilities without
6 charge is satisfactory proof of eligibility for an organization.

7 (g) A person who receives two sets of license plates under
8 this section may receive two disabled parking placards under
9 Section 681.004 without providing additional documentation.

10 SECTION 2. Section 681.004(a), Transportation Code, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) A person with a permanent disability may receive:

13 (1) two disabled parking placards, if the person does
14 not receive a set of special license plates under Section 504.201;
15 [~~or~~]

16 (2) one disabled parking placard, if the person
17 receives a set of special license plates under Section 504.201; or

18 (3) two disabled parking placards, if the person
19 receives two sets of special license plates under Section 504.202.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2105 was passed by the House on April 12, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2105 was passed by the Senate on May 3, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor