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S.B. No. 985

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to certification of a person as eligible for disabled  
3 parking privileges.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 681.003(c), Transportation Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) Subject to Subsection (e), the first application must be  
8 accompanied by a notarized written statement or written  
9 prescription of a physician licensed to practice medicine in this  
10 state or a state adjacent to this state[7] or authorized by  
11 applicable law to practice medicine in a hospital or other health  
12 facility of the Veterans Administration or a person acting under  
13 the delegation and supervision of a licensed physician in  
14 conformance with Subchapter B, Chapter 157, Occupations Code,  
15 certifying and providing evidence acceptable to the department that  
16 the person making the application or on whose behalf the  
17 application is made is legally blind or has a mobility problem that  
18 substantially impairs the person's ability to ambulate. The  
19 statement or prescription must include a certification of whether  
20 the disability is temporary or permanent and information acceptable  
21 to the department to determine the type of disabled parking placard  
22 for which the applicant is eligible. The department shall  
23 determine a person's eligibility based on evidence provided by the  
24 applicant establishing legal blindness or mobility impairment.

1           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.