

1-1 By: Hegar S.B. No. 985  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2007; March 7, 2007,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and  
1-4 Homeland Security; March 19, 2007, reported adversely, with  
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-6 Nays 0; March 19, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 985 By: Carona

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to certification of a person as eligible for disabled  
1-11 parking privileges.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 681.003, Transportation  
1-14 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (c) Subject to Subsection (e), the first application must be  
1-16 accompanied by a notarized written statement or written  
1-17 prescription of a physician licensed to practice medicine in this  
1-18 state or a state adjacent to this state<sup>[7]</sup> or authorized by  
1-19 applicable law to practice medicine in a hospital or other health  
1-20 facility of the Veterans Administration or an advanced practice  
1-21 nurse or physician assistant acting under the delegation and  
1-22 supervision of a licensed physician in conformance with Subchapter  
1-23 B, Chapter 157, Occupations Code, certifying and providing evidence  
1-24 acceptable to the department that the person making the application  
1-25 or on whose behalf the application is made is legally blind or has a  
1-26 mobility problem that substantially impairs the person's ability to  
1-27 ambulate. The statement or prescription must include a  
1-28 certification of whether the disability is temporary or permanent  
1-29 and information acceptable to the department to determine the type  
1-30 of disabled parking placard for which the applicant is eligible.  
1-31 The department shall determine a person's eligibility based on  
1-32 evidence provided by the applicant establishing legal blindness or  
1-33 mobility impairment.

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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