

By: Christian

H.B. No. 4211

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to parking placard applications by persons with a mobility
3 problem caused by an impairment of vision.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 681.001, Transportation Code, is amended
6 by adding item (8) to read as follows:

7 (8) "Optometry" and "Therapeutic Optometry" have the
8 meanings assigned by Section 351.002, Occupations Code.

9 SECTION 2. Section 681.003(e), Transportation Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (e) If a first application for a disabled parking placard
12 under this section is made by or on behalf of a person with:

13 (1) a mobility problem caused by a disorder of the
14 foot, the notarized written statement or written prescription
15 required by Subsection (c) may be issued by a person licensed to
16 practice podiatry in this state or a state adjacent to this state;
17 or

18 (2) a disability caused by visual impairment in
19 accordance with Sec. 681.001 of this chapter, the notarized written
20 statement or written prescription required by Subsection (c) may be
21 issued by a person licensed to practice optometry or therapeutic
22 optometry in this state or a state adjacent to this state.

23 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
24 an application for a disabled parking placard submitted on or after

1 the effective date of this Act. An application submitted before the
2 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
3 date the application is submitted, and the former law is continued
4 in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.