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S.B. No. 1984

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 681.003, Transportation Code, is amended
6 by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
7 follows:

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

1 (f) This subsection applies only to the first application
2 for a disabled parking placard submitted by a person who resides in
3 a county with a population of 125,000 or less. The notarized
4 written statement or prescription may be issued by:

5 (1) a person acting under the delegation and
6 supervision of a licensed physician in conformance with Subchapter
7 B, Chapter 157, Occupations Code; or

8 (2) a physician assistant licensed to practice in this
9 state acting as the agent of a licensed physician under Section
10 204.202(e), Occupations Code.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.