

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

S.B. No. 1984

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1984 passed the Senate on May 12, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1984 passed the House on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor