

1-1 By: Uresti S.B. No. 1984
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2009; March 24, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland
1-4 Security; May 7, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-6 May 7, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1984 By: Nichols

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

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

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

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 681.003, Transportation Code, is amended
1-14 by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
1-15 follows:

1-16 (c) Subject to Subsections [Subsection] (e) and (f), the
1-17 first application must be accompanied by a notarized written
1-18 statement or written prescription of a physician licensed to
1-19 practice medicine in this state or a state adjacent to this state,
1-20 or authorized by applicable law to practice medicine in a hospital
1-21 or other health facility of the United States Department of
1-22 Veterans Affairs [Administration], certifying and providing
1-23 evidence acceptable to the department that the person making the
1-24 application or on whose behalf the application is made is legally
1-25 blind or has a mobility problem that substantially impairs the
1-26 person's ability to ambulate. The statement or prescription must
1-27 include a certification of whether the disability is temporary or
1-28 permanent and information acceptable to the department to determine
1-29 the type of disabled parking placard for which the applicant is
1-30 eligible. The department shall determine a person's eligibility
1-31 based on evidence provided by the applicant establishing legal
1-32 blindness or mobility impairment.

1-33 (f) This subsection applies only to the first application
1-34 for a disabled parking placard submitted by a person who resides in
1-35 a county with a population of 125,000 or less. The notarized
1-36 written statement or prescription may be issued by:

1-37 (1) a person acting under the delegation and
1-38 supervision of a licensed physician in conformance with Subchapter
1-39 B, Chapter 157, Occupations Code; or

1-40 (2) a physician assistant licensed to practice in this
1-41 state acting as the agent of a licensed physician under Section
1-42 204.202(e), Occupations Code.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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