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H.B. No. 1683

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to parking placards for vehicles of persons with
3 disabilities.

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 Subsections (b) and (e) and adding Subsection (h) to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) An application for a disabled parking placard must be:

9 (1) on a form furnished by the department;

10 (2) submitted to the county assessor-collector of the
11 county:

12 (A) in which the person with the disability
13 resides if the person has a permanent disability; or

14 (B) in which the person with the disability
15 resides or is being treated at a medical facility if the person has
16 a temporary disability; and

17 (3) accompanied by a fee of \$5 if the application is
18 for a temporary placard.

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

21 (1) a mobility problem caused by a disorder of the
22 foot, the notarized written statement or written prescription
23 required by Subsection (c) may be issued by a person licensed to
24 practice podiatry in this state or a state adjacent to this state;

1 [~~or~~]

2 (2) a disability caused by an impairment of vision as
3 provided by Section 681.001(2), the notarized written statement or
4 written prescription required by Subsection (c) may be issued by a
5 person licensed to engage in the practice of optometry or the
6 practice of therapeutic optometry in this state or a state adjacent
7 to this state; or

8 (3) a temporary mobility problem that substantially
9 impairs the person's ability to ambulate, the notarized written
10 statement or written prescription required by Subsection (c) may be
11 issued by a person licensed to practice chiropractic in this state
12 or a state adjacent to this state.

13 (h) In this section, "chiropractic" has the meaning
14 assigned by Section 201.002, Occupations Code.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.