

1-1 By: Fletcher (Senate Sponsor - Williams) H.B. No. 1683
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2011;
1-3 May 3, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 21, 2011, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 2; May 21, 2011, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to parking placards for vehicles of persons with
1-10 disabilities.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 681.003, Transportation Code, is amended
1-13 by amending Subsections (b) and (e) and adding Subsection (h) to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 (b) An application for a disabled parking placard must be:

1-16 (1) on a form furnished by the department;

1-17 (2) submitted to the county assessor-collector of the
1-18 county:

1-19 (A) in which the person with the disability
1-20 resides if the person has a permanent disability; or

1-21 (B) in which the person with the disability
1-22 resides or is being treated at a medical facility if the person has
1-23 a temporary disability; and

1-24 (3) accompanied by a fee of \$5 if the application is
1-25 for a temporary placard.

1-26 (e) If a first application for a disabled parking placard
1-27 under this section is made by or on behalf of a person with:

1-28 (1) a mobility problem caused by a disorder of the
1-29 foot, the notarized written statement or written prescription
1-30 required by Subsection (c) may be issued by a person licensed to
1-31 practice podiatry in this state or a state adjacent to this state;
1-32 [~~or~~]

1-33 (2) a disability caused by an impairment of vision as
1-34 provided by Section 681.001(2), the notarized written statement or
1-35 written prescription required by Subsection (c) may be issued by a
1-36 person licensed to engage in the practice of optometry or the
1-37 practice of therapeutic optometry in this state or a state adjacent
1-38 to this state; or

1-39 (3) a temporary mobility problem that substantially
1-40 impairs the person's ability to ambulate, the notarized written
1-41 statement or written prescription required by Subsection (c) may be
1-42 issued by a person licensed to practice chiropractic in this state
1-43 or a state adjacent to this state.

1-44 (h) In this section, "chiropractic" has the meaning
1-45 assigned by Section 201.002, Occupations Code.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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