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H.B. No. 406

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to parking placards for vehicles of persons with disabilities.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 681.003(b) and (e), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

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

(1) on a form furnished by the department;

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~or~~

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

7 (3) a temporary mobility problem that substantially
8 impairs the person's ability to ambulate, the notarized written
9 statement or written prescription required by Subsection (c) may be
10 issued by a person licensed to practice chiropractic, as described
11 by Section 201.002, Occupations Code, in this state or a state
12 adjacent to this state.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.