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H.B. No. 406

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 [~~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.