
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for
3 person with disability plate and placard.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1338(a) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 Section 1338. Person with disability plate and placard.

9 (a) Person with disability plate.--On the application of any
10 person who:

11 (1) is blind;

12 (2) does not have full use of an arm or both arms;

13 (3) cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest;

14 (4) cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from,
15 a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device,
16 wheelchair or other assistive device;

17 (5) is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that

1 the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one
2 second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter
3 or the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm/hg on room
4 air at rest;

5 (6) uses portable oxygen;

6 (7) has a cardiac condition to the extent that the
7 person's functional limitations are classified in severity as
8 Class III or Class IV according to the standards set by the
9 American Heart Association;

10 (8) is severely limited in his or her ability to walk
11 due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition;
12 [or]

13 (9) is a person in loco parentis of a person specified
14 in paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8); or

15 (10) is the parent, including adoptive parent or foster
16 parent, of a child or adult child provided that the person
17 has custody, care or control of the child or adult child and
18 the child or adult child satisfies paragraph (1), (2), (3),
19 (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8);

20 the department shall issue a special registration plate for one
21 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
22 more than 14,000 pounds, designating the vehicle so licensed as
23 being used by a person with a disability. Special plates for
24 persons with disabilities may also be issued for vehicles
25 operated exclusively for the use and benefit of persons with
26 disabilities. In the case of a motorcycle, the department shall
27 issue a decal containing the international symbol for access for
28 persons with disabilities for display on the registration plate.

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30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.