THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, MADDEN, KINSEY, FREEMAN, CIRESI, SCHLOSSBERG, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ, McNEILL, DELLOSO, WARREN, SCHWEYER AND OTTEN, MARCH 10, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 10, 2023

AN ACT

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

 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 1338(c)(1) of Title 75 of the
- 7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is
- 8 amended by adding a subsection to read:
- 9 § 1338. Person with disability plate and placard.
- 10 * * *
- 11 (c) Health care provider's statement.--
- 12 (1) Any person applying for a special plate or parking
- 13 placard for persons with disabilities must present a
- 14 statement, certified by a physician, podiatrist,
- chiropractor, optometrist, physician assistant, physical
- 16 therapist, occupational therapist or certified registered
- 17 nurse practitioner licensed or certified to practice in this
- 18 Commonwealth or in a contiguous state, that the person with a

| 1 | disability is disabled as provided in subsection (a). |
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| 3 | (c.3) Temporary placard program for health care |
| 4 | <u>facilities</u> |
| 5 | (1) Upon review and approval of an application for |
| 6 | enrollment by a qualified health care facility, the |
| 7 | department shall permit the health care facility to issue |
| 8 | temporary disability parking placards directly to |
| 9 | individuals. The department shall supply the health care |
| 10 | facility with training and materials related to issuing, |
| 11 | storing, ordering and returning placards. The following shall |
| 12 | <pre>apply:</pre> |
| 13 | (i) The department shall determine the types of |
| 14 | health care facilities that may qualify for enrollment. A |
| 15 | qualified health care facility shall include, but may not |
| 16 | be limited to, a hospital, medical specialist center and |
| 17 | physical therapy center. |
| 18 | (ii) Upon denial of an application for enrollment, a |
| 19 | health care facility may appeal the departmental |
| 20 | determination by requesting, within 10 days of the date |
| 21 | of the determination, a formal hearing as prescribed by |
| 22 | departmental regulations. |
| 23 | (2) A temporary disability parking placard may be issued |
| 24 | upon application by an individual to the health care |
| 25 | facility. The department shall prescribe the form of the |
| 26 | application. The application must include a statement signed |
| 27 | by the individual asserting that the individual meets the |
| 28 | qualifications of subsection (a). |
| 29 | (3) A health care provider shall electronically submit a |
| 30 | copy of the completed application with a health care |

- 1 provider's statement that the individual is disabled in
- 2 <u>accordance with subsection (c) to the department to enable</u>
- 3 the department to update its records to reflect the issuance
- 4 <u>of the temporary disability parking placard.</u>
- 5 (4) A temporary disability parking placard issued by a
- 6 <u>health care provider is valid for a period of not more than</u>
- 7 six months.
- 8 <u>(5) The department shall promulgate rules and</u>
- 9 <u>regulations to implement this subsection.</u>
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- 11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.