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AN ACT

1 Authorizing municipalities to establish handicapped parking  
2 enforcement units comprised of handicapped persons.

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

5 Section 1. Definitions.

6 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
7 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
8 context clearly indicates otherwise:

9 "Handicapped person." A person who:

10 (1) does not have full use of a leg or both legs, as  
11 evidenced by the use of a wheelchair, walker, crutches, quad  
12 cane or other such device;

13 (2) is physically limited by a cardiopulmonary  
14 condition, such as severe emphysema or chronic bronchitis,  
15 restricting substantially his movements; or

16 (3) does not have full use of an arm or both arms;

17 and who presents a statement, certified by a physician licensed

1 to practice in this Commonwealth that the person is so  
2 handicapped.

3 Section 2. Establishment of handicapped parking enforcement  
4 units.

5 In order to implement the enforcement of reserved parking for  
6 handicapped persons or severely disabled veterans, which has  
7 been posted in accordance with regulations of the Department of  
8 Transportation, a municipality may establish a handicapped  
9 parking enforcement unit under the supervision of the chief law  
10 enforcement officer of the municipality. The municipality may,  
11 by ordinance or resolution, provide procedures and other  
12 guidelines for the program consistent with this act which may  
13 give persons selected and trained for the unit the full power  
14 and authority to issue warnings or parking tickets for  
15 violations of any provision of any law, regulation, ordinance or  
16 resolution pertaining to illegal parking in restricted parking  
17 spaces for the handicapped or severely disabled veterans. The  
18 unit shall concentrate its enforcement activity at any shopping  
19 centers or malls in the municipality.

20 Section 3. Requirements.

21 No person shall be appointed to or continue to be eligible  
22 for participation in the handicapped parking enforcement unit  
23 unless he:

24 (1) evidences no criminal record as a result of a State  
25 criminal history record background check through the  
26 Pennsylvania State Police;

27 (2) is a handicapped person;

28 (3) is a resident of the municipality in which the unit  
29 is established; and

30 (4) is at least 18 years of age.

1 Section 4. Transportation expenses.

2 Any person appointed to the municipality's handicapped  
3 parking enforcement unit shall be reimbursed for actual expenses  
4 of transportation incurred in the course of his work at a rate  
5 established by the municipality.

6 Section 5. Training.

7 The municipality shall require any person who fulfills the  
8 requirements for appointment in section 2 to take a course of  
9 instruction designed to prepare the person to properly fulfill  
10 his responsibilities under the law. The curriculum for the  
11 course shall include, but may not be limited to, appropriate  
12 information concerning public relations, the laws, regulations,  
13 resolutions, ordinances and other guidelines concerning  
14 restricted parking enforcement, and court proceedings. Before  
15 the person may commence enforcement activity with the unit, he  
16 shall satisfactorily complete the prescribed course of  
17 instruction.

18 Section 6. Compensation.

19 The governing body of a municipality, by ordinance, may  
20 appropriate annually sums of money as it shall deem necessary  
21 for the purpose of compensating any such person for his  
22 services.

23 Section 7. Uniforms.

24 Any person who is selected for the handicapped parking  
25 enforcement unit shall be provided, at the expense of the  
26 municipality, with a distinctive uniform on which is affixed a  
27 special patch designating his function and shall be provided  
28 with reasonable maintenance thereof.

29 Section 8. Effective date.

30 This act shall take effect in 60 days.