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HB 2117

Introduced by
Representatives Carruthers, O'Halleran, Hanson: Hershberger, McClure

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-2409, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-2409, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-2409. International symbol of access special plates;
5 placard; definitions

6 A. The department shall issue special plates bearing the international
7 symbol of access to either:

8 1. A person who is permanently physically disabled and who is an owner
9 or lessee of a motor vehicle.

10 2. An organization that owns or leases a motor vehicle that primarily
11 transports physically disabled persons.

12 B. A permanently disabled special plate issued under this section is
13 valid for as long as the person to whom the plate is issued qualifies for
14 issuance under this section.

15 C. A person who is permanently physically disabled may obtain, if
16 qualified, a permanently disabled removable windshield placard. A person who
17 is temporarily physically disabled may obtain, if qualified, a temporarily
18 disabled removable windshield placard. An organization that primarily
19 transports physically disabled persons may obtain, if qualified, a placard
20 for each of the qualified vehicles. The department shall issue only one
21 valid placard to a temporarily or permanently physically disabled applicant,
22 except to replace a lost, stolen or mutilated placard or if the department
23 determines, on receiving the applicant's written request, that the needs of
24 the applicant are such that two valid placards are required. The department
25 shall issue a placard pursuant to this section at no additional charge.

26 D. A permanently disabled removable windshield placard issued or
27 renewed under this section is valid for five years. A temporarily disabled
28 removable windshield placard issued or renewed under this section is valid
29 for a period of time as determined by the department. A person who desires to
30 obtain a temporarily disabled removable windshield placard for an additional
31 period of time shall submit a new application.

32 E. A person or organization that desires to obtain a permanently
33 disabled or temporarily disabled removable windshield placard or
34 international symbol of access special plates shall submit an application to
35 the department on a form furnished by the department that contains one of the
36 following:

37 1. If a permanently or temporarily disabled person, a certificate
38 completed by a hospital administrator or by an authorized physician that
39 certifies that the applicant is physically disabled.

40 2. If an organization, a signed statement by an authorized officer of
41 the organization affirming that the registered vehicle that is owned or
42 leased by the organization and that will display the placard or the
43 international symbol of access special plates primarily transports physically
44 disabled persons.

1 F. On receipt of the application containing the medical certificate or
2 signed statement, if the department finds that the applicant qualifies for
3 the parking privileges pursuant to chapter 3, article 14 of this title, the
4 department shall issue the placard or international symbol of access special
5 plates.

6 G. A person or an organization desiring to renew a permanently
7 disabled removable windshield placard shall submit an application to the
8 department containing one of the following:

9 1. If a permanently disabled person, a signed statement by the person
10 that is witnessed by a department agent or notary public, that requests the
11 renewal of the placard and that affirms that the person is physically
12 disabled.

13 2. If an organization, a signed statement by an authorized officer of
14 the organization affirming that the registered vehicle that is owned or
15 leased by the organization and that will display the placard primarily
16 transports physically disabled persons.

17 H. The placard or international symbol of access special plates shall
18 be displayed on or in the motor vehicle in the manner prescribed by the
19 department.

20 I. A request for special plates issued under this section may be
21 combined with a request for **AN HONORED MILITARY LICENSE PLATE ISSUED UNDER**
22 **ARTICLE 13 OF THIS CHAPTER OR** any other special plate **ISSUED UNDER THIS**
23 **CHAPTER.** The department shall prescribe the form for the request. The
24 request is subject to payment of **ONLY** the fee required for the **HONORED**
25 **MILITARY LICENSE PLATE OR** other special plate **AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER**
26 **SPECIAL PLATE FEE UNDER SECTION 28-2402. AN INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF ACCESS**
27 **SPECIAL PLATE THAT IS COMBINED WITH AN HONORED MILITARY LICENSE PLATE OR ANY**
28 **OTHER SPECIAL PLATE IS NOT A PERSONALIZED SPECIAL PLATE UNDER SECTION**
29 **28-2406.**

30 J. ~~In~~ **FOR THE PURPOSES OF** this section:

31 1. "Authorized physician" means a doctor of medicine, osteopathy,
32 podiatry or chiropractic licensed to practice medicine in this state or
33 another state or authorized by the United States government to practice
34 medicine.

35 2. "Permanently disabled removable windshield placard" means a
36 two-sided, hooked placard that includes on each side all of the following:

37 (a) The international symbol of access that is at least three inches
38 in height, that is centered on the placard and that is white on a blue
39 shield.

40 (b) An identification number.

41 (c) An expiration date.

42 (d) The seal or other identification of the issuing authority.

43 3. "Physically disabled person" means a person who, as determined by a
44 hospital administrator or authorized physician, meets any of the following
45 conditions:

- 1 (a) Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest.
- 2 (b) Cannot walk without the use of or assistance from any brace, cane,
3 crutch, other person, prosthetic device, wheelchair or other assistive
4 device.
- 5 (c) Is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person's
6 forced respiratory, expiratory volume for one second, if measured by
7 spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less
8 than sixty mm/Hg on room air at rest.
- 9 (d) Uses portable oxygen.
- 10 (e) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional
11 limitations are classified in severity as class III or class IV according to
12 standards set by the American heart association.
- 13 (f) Is severely limited in the person's ability to walk due to an
14 arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition.
- 15 4. "Temporarily disabled removable windshield placard" means a
16 two-sided, hooked placard that includes on each side all of the following:
- 17 (a) The international symbol of access that is at least three inches
18 in height, that is centered on the placard and that is white on a red shield.
- 19 (b) An identification number.
- 20 (c) A date of expiration.
- 21 (d) The seal or other identification of the issuing authority.