

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

SENATE BILL NO. 2120
(Senators Larsen, Luick, Hogue)
(Representative Ruby)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 39-01-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to parking privileges for a disabled veteran.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 39-01-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-01-15. Parking privileges for mobility impaired - Certificate - Revocation - Continuing appropriation - Penalty.

1. Any mobility-impaired ~~person~~individual who displays prominently upon an automobile parked by that ~~person~~individual or under that ~~person's~~individual's direction and for that ~~person's~~individual's use, the distinguishing certificate specified in subsection 4 ~~or~~, license plates issued under section 39-04-10.2, ~~or a disabled veteran plate issued under subdivision j of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18~~ is entitled to courtesy in the parking of the automobile. ~~Provided, however, that~~However, any municipality may ~~prohibit~~, by ordinance, ~~prohibit~~ parking on any ~~street~~ or highway for the purpose of creating a fire lane; or to provide for the accommodation of heavy traffic during morning and afternoon rush hours; ~~and the~~. ~~The~~ ~~privileges extended to such a~~ ~~mobility-impaired persons~~individual do not apply on ~~streets~~ or ~~highways~~ ~~where and during such times as a~~ ~~highway~~ if parking is prohibited.
2. A mobility-impaired ~~person~~individual as used in this section includes ~~any person~~ an individual who uses portable oxygen; requires personal assistance or the use of crutches, a wheelchair, or a walker to walk two hundred feet [60.96 meters] without rest; is restricted by cardiac, pulmonary, or vascular disease from walking two hundred feet [60.96 meters] without rest; has a forced expiratory volume of less than one liter for one second or an arterial oxygen tension of less than sixty millimeters of mercury on room air while at rest and is classified III or IV by standards for cardiac disease set by the American heart association; ~~or~~ has an orthopedic, neurologic, or other medical condition that makes it impossible for the person to walk two hundred feet [60.96 meters] without assistance or rest; ~~or is a disabled veteran issued a plate under subdivision j of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18.~~
3. Repealed by S.L. 1989, ch. 319, § 6.
4. The director may issue, for a fee of three dollars per year or part of a year, a special identifying certificate to any mobility-impaired applicant upon submission by the applicant of a completed application and a written statement issued by a qualified physician or an advanced practice registered nurse to the director that the applicant is a mobility-impaired person within the criteria of subsection 2. The director shall waive the requirement for a written statement from a qualified physician or an advanced practice registered nurse if the applicant has previously submitted an application containing a certification from a qualified physician or an advanced practice registered nurse that the applicant's impairment is not reversible. The application must include the information required by the director. The physician's or advanced practice registered nurse's statement must describe how the impairment limits the applicant's mobility and daily life functions of the applicant. The certificate is valid for a period, not to exceed three years, as determined by the director. A physician or an advanced practice registered nurse who provides a false statement that a ~~person~~ an individual is mobility impaired for the purpose of that ~~person~~individual obtaining a certificate under this subsection is guilty of an infraction for

which a minimum fine of one hundred dollars must be imposed. A certificate issued under this subsection must be nine and one-half inches [24.13 centimeters] in height and three inches [7.62 centimeters] in width and must bear, in white on blue, the internationally accepted symbol of access for the mobility impaired. The certificate must bear the expiration date and registration number assigned by the director. The director shall adopt rules governing the issuance of the certificate. A temporary certificate, valid for an initial period not to exceed three months, may be issued by the director for a fee of three dollars upon application supported by a physician's or an advanced practice registered nurse's statement. The director may issue a maximum of one additional temporary certificate for a fee of three dollars. The temporary certificate may be extended an additional period, not to exceed three months, upon application supported by a physician's or an advanced practice registered nurse's statement that the extension is warranted. Temporary certificates must be the same size as other certificates issued under this section and must be white on red. The director may issue a maximum of one additional certificate, if the applicant does not have ~~license~~number plates issued under section 39-04-10.2 or under subdivision j of subsection 2 of section 39-04-18, for a fee of six dollars per certificate, to a mobility-impaired ~~person~~individual to whom a certificate has been issued under this subsection. The additional certificates may only be used by or on behalf of the mobility-impaired ~~person~~individual.

5. Except as provided in this subsection, two dollars of each fee for issuance of a certificate and one dollar of each fee for issuance of an additional certificate under this section must be deposited in the state highway department fund for purposes of defraying the cost of issuing the certificate. The rest of the fee, and the five dollar fee received for the issuance of an additional certificate under subsection 4, must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the employment of people with disabilities fund. The fees deposited in the fund are hereby appropriated on a continuing basis to the committee on employment of people with disabilities of the department of human services for development of job opportunities for disabled individuals in this state. If a certificate is lost, mutilated, or destroyed, the ~~person~~individual to whom the certificate was issued is entitled to a replacement. The ~~person~~individual shall furnish proof satisfactory to the director that the certificate has been lost, mutilated, or destroyed, and shall pay a replacement fee of three dollars.
6. A certificate issued under this section must be hung from the rearview mirror of the motor vehicle whenever the vehicle is occupying a space reserved for the mobility impaired and is being used by a mobility-impaired ~~person~~individual or another ~~person~~individual for the purposes of transporting the mobility-impaired ~~person~~individual. No part of the certificate may be obscured. A fee of five dollars may be imposed for a violation of this subsection.
7. An applicant may appeal a decision denying issuance of the certificate to the director. Written notice of the appeal must be received within ten business days following receipt by the applicant of notice of denial. The applicant has sixty days to provide additional supportive material to the director for purposes of deciding the appeal. The director shall affirm or reverse the decision to deny issuance of the certificate within thirty days after receipt of the supportive material. Written notice of the decision must be given to the applicant.
8. If a law enforcement officer finds that the certificate is being improperly used, the officer may report to the director any ~~such~~ violation and the director may, in the director's discretion, remove the privilege. ~~Any person~~An individual who is not mobility impaired and who exercises the privileges granted a mobility-impaired ~~person~~individual under subsection 1 is guilty of an infraction for which a fine of one hundred dollars must be imposed.
9. ~~Whenever any~~If a public or private entity designates parking spaces for use by ~~a~~a motor ~~vehicles~~vehicle operated by ~~a~~a mobility-impaired ~~persons~~individual, those reserved spaces must comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities as contained in the appendix to title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, part 36 [28 CFR 36] and must be indicated by blue paint on the curb or edge of the paved portion of the street or parking lot adjacent to the space. In addition to blue paint,

each reserved space must be indicated by an official sign approved by the director bearing the internationally accepted symbol of access for the mobility impaired. The sign must indicate that unauthorized use of the space is a nonmoving violation for which a fee of one hundred dollars must be imposed. For particular events, a public or a private entity may reserve additional parking spaces for use by motor vehicles operated by a mobility-impaired personsindividual. In that case, each temporarily reserved space must be indicated by a sign or other suitable means. A sign indicating that a space is reserved for the mobility impaired and blue paint on the curb or edge of the paved portion of the street or parking lot adjacent to the space, unless the space is a temporary mobility-impaired parking space, is sufficient basis for the enforcement of this section. A law enforcement officer shall enforce this section in any parking lot or parking facility, whether publicly or privately owned.

10. ~~A person~~An individual may not stop, stand, or park any vehicle in any designated parking space that is reserved for the mobility impaired unless the vehicle displays a mobility-impaired identification certificate issued by the director to a mobility-impaired ~~person~~individual. A mobility-impaired ~~person~~individual may not permit the use of a certificate issued under this section by ~~a person~~an individual who is not mobility impaired when that use is not in connection with the transport of the mobility-impaired ~~person~~individual. The registered owner of a vehicle may not allow that vehicle to be used in a manner that violates this subsection. Proof of intent is not required to prove a registered owner's violation of this subsection. The registered owner, however, may be excused from a violation if the owner provides the citing authority with the name and address of the ~~person~~individual operating the vehicle at the time of the violation. A vehicle may temporarily use a space reserved for a mobility-impaired personsindividual without a mobility-impaired certificate for the purpose of loading and unloading a mobility-impaired personsindividual. A violation of this subsection is a nonmoving violation for which a fee of one hundred dollars must be imposed. Notwithstanding section 29-27-02.1, fifty percent of the fee imposed and collected under this subsection is appropriated on a continuing basis to the local committee on persons with disabilities, if one exists in the city in which the violation occurred, for the development of job opportunities for disabled individuals in the community.
11. Any motor vehicle licensed in another state which displays a special authorized vehicle designation issued by the licensing authority of that state for vehicles used in the transportation of a mobility-impaired personsindividual must be accorded the same privilege provided in this section for similar vehicles licensed in this state if the laws of the other state provide the same privileges to North Dakota motor vehicles displaying the special identifying certificate authorized in this section.
12. An entity that violates the requirements of subsection 9 is guilty of an infraction if the entity does not comply with subsection 9 within sixty days after receiving official notification of the violation.
13. The department shall issue a mobility-impaired parking permit for a vehicle owned and operated by care providers licensed by the state, veterans-related organizations, and other entities that regularly transport mobility-impaired individuals for use by those providers and entities to park in designated parking spaces while transporting mobility-impaired individuals.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2120.

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 0 Absent 3

House Vote: Yeas 94 Nays 0 Absent 0

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State