

By Senator Diaz

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to disabled parking permits; amending
3 s. 320.0848, F.S.; authorizing a licensed physical
4 therapist to issue a certification of disability for a
5 disabled parking permit; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
10 320.0848, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
11 320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of
12 disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain
13 providers of transportation services to persons who have
14 disabilities.-
15 (1)
16 (b)1. The person must be currently certified as being
17 legally blind or as having any of the following disabilities
18 that render him or her unable to walk 200 feet without stopping
19 to rest:
20 a. Inability to walk without the use of or assistance from
21 a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, or other assistive
22 device, or without the assistance of another person. If the
23 assistive device significantly restores the person's ability to
24 walk to the extent that the person can walk without severe
25 limitation, the person is not eligible for the exemption parking
26 permit.
27 b. The need to permanently use a wheelchair.
28 c. Restriction by lung disease to the extent that the
29 person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for 1 second,

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30 when measured by spirometry, is less than 1 liter, or the
31 person's arterial oxygen is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at
32 rest.

33 d. Use of portable oxygen.

34 e. Restriction by cardiac condition to the extent that the
35 person's functional limitations are classified in severity as
36 Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American
37 Heart Association.

38 f. Severe limitation in the person's ability to walk due to
39 an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.

40 2. The certification of disability which is required under
41 subparagraph 1. must be provided by a physician or a physician
42 assistant licensed under chapter 458 ~~or~~ chapter 459, by a
43 chiropractic physician licensed under ~~or~~ chapter 460, by a
44 podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461, by an
45 optometrist licensed under chapter 463, by an advanced practice
46 registered nurse licensed under chapter 464 under the protocol
47 of a licensed physician as stated in this subparagraph, by a
48 physical therapist licensed under chapter 486 ~~by a physician~~
49 ~~assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459~~, or by a
50 similarly licensed physician from another state if the
51 application is accompanied by documentation of the physician's
52 licensure in the other state and a form signed by the out-of-
53 state physician verifying his or her knowledge of this state's
54 eligibility guidelines.

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.