

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senators Joyner and Dean

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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 certain veterans to
4 provide the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
5 Vehicles alternative documentation for renewal or
6 replacement of a disabled parking permit; providing an
7 effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and paragraphs
12 (d), (e), and (f) of subsection (2) of section 320.0848, Florida
13 Statutes, are amended to read:

14 320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of
15 disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain
16 providers of transportation services to persons who have
17 disabilities.—

18 (1)

19 (d) ~~Beginning October 1, 2012,~~ The department shall renew
20 the disabled parking permit of any person certified as
21 permanently disabled on the application if the person provides a
22 certificate of disability issued within the last 12 months
23 pursuant to this subsection. A veteran who has been previously
24 evaluated and certified by the United States Department of
25 Veterans Affairs or any branch of the United States Armed Forces
26 as permanently and totally disabled from a service-connected
27 disability may provide a United States Department of Veterans
28 Affairs Form Letter 27-333, or its equivalent, issued within the
29 last 12 months in lieu of a certificate of disability.

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30 (2) DISABLED PARKING PERMIT; PERSONS WITH LONG-TERM
31 MOBILITY PROBLEMS.—

32 ~~(d) If an applicant who is a disabled veteran, is a~~
33 ~~resident of this state, has been honorably discharged, and~~
34 ~~either has been determined by the Department of Defense or the~~
35 ~~United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor~~
36 ~~to have a service-connected disability rating for compensation~~
37 ~~of 50 percent or greater or has been determined to have a~~
38 ~~service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or greater and~~
39 ~~is in receipt of both disability retirement pay from the United~~
40 ~~States Department of Veterans Affairs, he or she must still~~
41 ~~provide a signed physician's statement of qualification for the~~
42 ~~disabled parking permits.~~

43 (d)(e) To obtain a replacement for a disabled parking
44 permit that has been lost or stolen, a person must submit an
45 application on a form prescribed by the department, provide a
46 certificate of disability issued within the last 12 months
47 pursuant to subsection (1), and pay a replacement fee in the
48 amount of \$1, to be retained by the issuing agency. If the
49 person submits with the application a police report documenting
50 that the permit was stolen, there is no replacement fee. A
51 veteran who has been previously evaluated and certified by the
52 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of
53 the United States Armed Forces as permanently and totally
54 disabled from a service-connected disability may provide a
55 United States Department of Veterans Affairs Form Letter 27-333,
56 or its equivalent, issued within the last 12 months in lieu of a
57 certificate of disability.

58 (e)(f) A person who qualifies for a disabled parking permit

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59 under this section may be issued an international wheelchair
60 user symbol license plate under s. 320.0843 in lieu of the
61 disabled parking permit; or, if the person qualifies for a "DV"
62 license plate under s. 320.084, such a license plate may be
63 issued to him or her in lieu of a disabled parking permit.

64 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.