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CONCERNING LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS THAT MAY VERIFY A PERSON HAS A PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING DISABLED PARKING PRIVILEGES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 42-3-121 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-3-121. Parking privileges for persons with disabilities - applicability. (1) As used in this section:

(b) "Person with a disability" means a person so severely impaired that such person is unable to move from place to place without the aid of a mechanical device or who has a physical impairment verified, in writing, by the director of the division of rehabilitation, (which has been administratively created by the department of human services) ~~or~~ a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or practicing medicine

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statute; dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

pursuant to section 12-36-106 (3) (i), C.R.S., A PODIATRIST LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 32 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S., A CHIROPRACTOR LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 33 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S., A PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 41 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S., OR A PROFESSIONAL NURSE LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-38-111, C.R.S., that such impairment limits substantially the person's ability to move from place to place. Before such a verification can be made, said director, or physician, PODIATRIST, CHIROPRACTOR, PHYSICAL THERAPIST, OR PROFESSIONAL NURSE shall certify to the department of revenue that the standards established by the executive director of the department or his or her designee, in consultation with the director of the division of rehabilitation, for such a determination have been met.

SECTION 2. 42-3-121 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, as it will become effective July 1, 2001, is amended to read:

42-3-121. Parking privileges for persons with disabilities - applicability. (3) The department shall issue temporary distinguishing license permits and a temporary identifying placard to any person who is temporarily a person with a disability upon presentation to the department of a written statement, verified by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or practicing medicine pursuant to section 12-36-106 (3) (i), C.R.S., A PODIATRIST LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 32 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S., A CHIROPRACTOR LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 33 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S., A PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 41 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S., OR A PROFESSIONAL NURSE LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12-38-111, C.R.S., that such person temporarily meets the definition of a person with a disability. The department shall issue such permits and placards to a qualifying person who is a resident of another state who becomes disabled while in this state. Such permits and placard shall be valid for a period of ninety days from the date of issuance and may continually be renewed for additional ninety-day periods during the term of such disability upon resubmission of such written and verified statements. The provisions of this section including provisions regarding the privileges granted to persons with disabilities, revocation of license plates or placards, and display of license plates and placards shall apply in the case of temporary license permits and temporary placards issued under this subsection (3). Further, the requirement that the placard include a printed identification number as set forth in subparagraph (II) of

paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section shall apply to both temporary license permits and temporary placards issued under this subsection (3). Temporary license permits and temporary placards issued by states other than Colorado shall be valid so long as they are currently valid in the state of issuance and valid pursuant to 23 C.F.R. part 1235.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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