

CS/HB 51

2015

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to disabled parking permits; amending  
3 s. 320.0848, F.S.; authorizing veterans to provide the  
4 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles with  
5 alternative documentation for renewal or replacement  
6 of a disabled parking permit; providing an effective  
7 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 is evaluated and  
24 certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or  
25 any branch of the United States Armed Forces as permanently and  
26 totally disabled due to a service-connected disability may

27 provide a United States Department of Veterans Affairs Form  
28 Letter 27-333, or its equivalent, issued within the previous 12  
29 months in lieu of a certificate of disability.

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 is evaluated and certified by the United States  
52 Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the United

53 States Armed Forces as permanently and totally disabled due to a  
54 service-connected disability may provide a United States  
55 Department of Veterans Affairs Form Letter 27-333, or its  
56 equivalent, issued within the previous 12 months in lieu of a  
57 certificate of disability.

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

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