

SENATE No. 2168

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
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SENATE, Thursday, September 28, 2017

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to handicapped parking (Senate, No. 2099),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2168).

For the committee,
Karen E. Spilka

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An Act relative to handicapped parking.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The ninth paragraph of section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the seventh sentence
3 the following sentence:- Obstruction of the placard number or expiration date, including the
4 failure to display the placard in a way that makes the placard number or expiration date readily
5 visible through the windshield, or the failure to follow instructions printed on the placard shall be
6 subject to a fine of \$50.

7 SECTION 2. Said ninth paragraph of said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing,
8 is hereby further amended by inserting after the eighth sentence the following sentence:- The
9 registrar may require documents or information from an applicant to verify information
10 contained in an application for a handicapped plate or placard and may refuse to process the
11 application until such documentation or information is provided to the registrar by the applicant.

12 SECTION 3. Said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further
13 amended by striking out, in line 328, the word “in”, the first time it appears, and inserting in

14 place thereof the following words:- , including the use or display of a handicapped plate or
15 placard belonging to a deceased person, in.

16 SECTION 4. Said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further
17 amended by striking out, in line 335, the figure “30” and inserting in place thereof the following
18 figure:- 60.

19 SECTION 5. Said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further
20 amended by striking out, in line 336, the figure “90” and inserting in place thereof the following
21 figure:- 120.

22 SECTION 6. The ninth paragraph of said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is
23 hereby amended by inserting after the twelfth sentence the following 6 sentences:- The registrar
24 may investigate allegations that an individual has falsely obtained a handicapped plate or placard
25 or is using a handicapped plate or placard without meeting eligibility requirements. The registrar
26 may, upon a finding of ineligibility or that a handicapped plate or placard was falsely obtained,
27 revoke the handicapped plate or placard in addition to any other penalties allowed by this
28 chapter. An application for a handicapped plate or placard or report of a lost or stolen
29 handicapped plate or placard shall be made under the penalties of perjury. A person who
30 intentionally makes a false statement related to their eligibility in an application for a
31 handicapped plate or placard, including for the renewal of a handicapped plate or placard or
32 when reporting a handicapped plate or placard lost or stolen shall be subject to a fine of \$500 for
33 a first offense and \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense. The registrar shall require the
34 return of a handicapped plate or placard that has been revoked or canceled. Failure to return a
35 handicapped plate or placard that has been revoked or canceled shall be subject to a fine of \$100.

36 SECTION 7. Said section 24B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further
37 amended by inserting after the word “vehicles”, in line 30, the following words:- , a special
38 parking identification disability placard.

39 SECTION 8. Said section 24B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further
40 amended by inserting after the word “vehicles”, in line 32, the following words:- , special
41 parking identification disability placard.

42 SECTION 9. Said section 24B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further
43 amended by inserting after the word “operate”, in line 34, the following words:- , special parking
44 identification disability placards.

45 SECTION 10. Said section 24B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further
46 amended by inserting after the word “vehicles”, in lines 45 and 50, each time it appears, the
47 following words:- or special parking identification disability placard.

48 SECTION 11. Said section 24B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further
49 amended by inserting after the word “license”, in line 48, the following words:- , permit or
50 placard.