

AN ACT relating to disabled parking placards.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 189.456 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) On the application of any person *eighty (80) years of age or older, or any person* who has a severe visual, audio, or physical impairment, including partial paralysis, lower limb amputation, chronic heart condition, emphysema, arthritis, rheumatism, or other debilitating condition which limits or impairs one's personal mobility or ability to walk, the county clerk in the county of the person's residence shall issue the person with a disability an accessible parking placard. In addition, any agency or organization which transports persons with a disability as a part of the service provided by that agency or organization shall receive an accessible parking placard upon application to the county clerk for each vehicle used in the transportation of persons with a disability. The accessible parking placard issued shall be a two (2) sided hanger style placard and shall on each side bear the international symbol of access adopted by Rehabilitation International in 1969, the date of expiration of the placard, a seal or other identification of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and shall contain the accessible parking placard identification number and other information the Transportation Cabinet may by regulation require. The international symbol of access shall be at least three (3) inches in height, be centered on the placard and in a white color on a blue shield. Any information contained on the placard shall be written in indelible ink or inscribed in other permanent fashion so as to prevent tampering with or the changing of information contained on the placard.
- (2) The county clerk shall issue an accessible parking placard at no charge that shall be valid for a period of two (2) years and which may be twice renewed for a period of two (2) years, without any fee being charged to the applicant. The application shall be made on a form prepared by the Transportation Cabinet. Placards shall be printed

at cabinet expense and distributed to the county clerk of each county who shall keep a record of applications filed and placards issued.

- (3) For every person seeking an accessible parking placard, **prior to issuance, the following** proof~~[of the disability]~~ shall be required~~[by]~~:
- (a) Evidence that the individual has a license plate for a person with a disability as provided by KRS 186.041 or 186.042;
 - (b) The county clerk issuing the permit ascertaining that the applicant is obviously disabled;~~[or]~~
 - (c) A statement from a licensed physician, chiropractor, or advanced practice registered nurse that the applicant is a person whose mobility, flexibility, coordination, respiration, or perceptiveness is significantly reduced by a permanent disability to that person's arms, legs, lungs, heart, ears, or eyes; **or**
 - (d) That the applicant is eighty (80) years of age or older.**
- (4) For every agency or organization seeking an accessible parking placard for a person with a disability, application for the placard shall include:
- (a) Name of the agency or organization requesting use of an accessible parking placard;
 - (b) Number of vehicles being used in the transportation of persons with a disability; and
 - (c) A statement from the director of the agency or organization verifying the need for the parking placard.
- (5) The accessible parking placard shall, when the vehicle is parked in a parking space identified as accessible to a person with a disability, be displayed so that it may be viewed from the front and rear of the vehicle by hanging the placard from the front windshield rear view mirror. When there is no rear view mirror, the placard shall be displayed on the dashboard.
- (6) A person who has not been issued a license plate for a person with a disability under

the provisions of KRS 186.041 or 186.042 may be issued a second parking placard at no charge.

- (7) A person with a disability who has been issued a parking placard pursuant to this section may make application for a replacement placard by swearing in an affidavit that the original placard has been lost, stolen, or destroyed. The replacement parking placard shall be issued at no charge by the county clerk.
- (8) The Transportation Cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A to implement or administer this section.