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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3131

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy
03/02/2026 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; authorizing issuance of cancer-related disability parking
1.3 certificates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.345, subdivisions 2a,
1.4 3b, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.345, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2a. Health professional's medical statement. (a) The commissioner shall must
1.8 develop a format for the medical statement. The medical statement must be signed by a
1.9 health professional who certifies that the applicant is (1) a physically disabled person as
1.10 defined in subdivision 2, or (2) eligible for a certificate under subdivision 6. The
1.11 commissioner may request additional information from the health professional if needed to
1.12 verify the applicant's eligibility. The medical statement that the applicant is a physically
1.13 disabled person must specify whether the disability is permanent or temporary and, if
1.14 temporary, the opinion of the health professional as to the duration of the disability.

1.15 (b) A health professional who fraudulently certifies to the commissioner that a person
1.16 is a physically disabled person as defined in subdivision 2, and that the person is entitled
1.17 to eligible for the disability plates authorized by section 168.021 or to the a certificate
1.18 authorized by this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of \$500.

1.19 (b)(c) The commissioner may waive the requirement of providing a statement of a health
1.20 professional if the applicant has previously filed with the commissioner a statement of a
1.21 health professional certifying that the applicant has a permanent physical disability.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.345, subdivision 3b, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 3b. **Certificate design, format, information.** (a) A certificate must be made of
2.3 plastic or similar durable material and must bear its expiration date prominently on both
2.4 sides. A certificate issued to a temporarily disabled person on a temporary basis must display
2.5 the date of expiration of the duration of the disability, as determined under subdivision 3
2.6 of, 3a, or 6.

2.7 (b) Each applicant must be provided a summary of the parking privileges and restrictions
2.8 that apply to each motor vehicle for which the certificate is used.

2.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.345, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.10 read:

2.11 Subd. 6. **Cancer-related certificate.** (a) The commissioner must issue a certificate under
2.12 this section to an applicant who submits:

2.13 (1) an application in the form and manner acceptable to the commissioner; and

2.14 (2) a medical statement under subdivision 2a that affirms:

2.15 (i) the applicant has been diagnosed with cancer;

2.16 (ii) due to the diagnosis or an associated condition or treatment, the applicant is
2.17 experiencing any of the conditions described in subdivision 2, paragraph (f); and

2.18 (iii) the circumstances in items (i) and (ii) are expected to apply for at least 30 days.

2.19 (b) A certificate issued under this subdivision is valid for up to 12 months.

2.20 (c) The operator of a vehicle displaying a certificate has the parking privileges provided
2.21 in subdivision 1 only while the vehicle is actually parked while transporting a person for
2.22 whom the certificate is issued.