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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; amending the definition of physically disabled person
1.3 for purposes of parking permits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section
1.4 169.345, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.345, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of section 168.021 and this section, the following
1.8 terms have the meanings given them in this subdivision.

1.9 (b) "Health professional" means a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant,
1.10 advanced practice registered nurse, licensed physical therapist, or licensed chiropractor.

1.11 (c) "Long-term certificate" means a certificate issued for a period greater than 12 months
1.12 but not greater than 71 months.

1.13 (d) "Organization certificate" means a certificate issued to an entity other than a natural
1.14 person for a period of three years.

1.15 (e) "Permit" refers to a permit that is issued for a period of 30 days, in lieu of the
1.16 certificate referred to in subdivision 3, while the application is being processed.

1.17 (f) "Physically disabled person" means a person who:

1.18 (1) because of disability cannot walk without significant risk of falling;

1.19 (2) because of disability cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest;

1.20 (3) because of disability cannot walk without the aid of another person, a walker, a cane,
1.21 crutches, braces, a prosthetic device, or a wheelchair;

2.1 (4) is restricted by a respiratory disease to such an extent that the person's forced  
2.2 (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than  
2.3 one liter;

2.4 (5) has an arterial oxygen tension (PaO<sub>2</sub>) of less than 60 mm/Hg on room air at rest;

2.5 (6) uses portable oxygen;

2.6 (7) has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are  
2.7 classified in severity as class III or class IV according to standards set by the American  
2.8 Heart Association;

2.9 (8) has lost an arm or a leg and does not have or cannot use an artificial limb; ~~or~~

2.10 (9) has a disability that would be aggravated by walking 200 feet under normal  
2.11 environmental conditions to an extent that would be life threatening; or

2.12 (10) is legally blind.

2.13 (g) "Short-term certificate" means a certificate issued for a period greater than six months  
2.14 but not greater than 12 months.

2.15 (h) "Six-year certificate" means a certificate issued for a period of six years.

2.16 (i) "Temporary certificate" means a certificate issued for a period not greater than six  
2.17 months.