

# SENATE, No. 660

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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes that “100 percent Disabled Veterans” are not required to submit to MVC certain documentation to renew parking privileges.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning parking for persons with a disability and  
2 amending P.L.1949, c.280.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1949, c. 280 (C.39:4-205) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 2. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
10 Commission shall issue, at the expense of the State of New Jersey,  
11 person with a disability identification cards upon the application of  
12 qualifying persons with disabilities and after an investigation of the  
13 qualifying status of each applicant. The card shall, amongst other  
14 things, identify the persons with disabilities and the registration  
15 number of the vehicle for which any wheelchair symbol license  
16 plates have been issued under the provisions of section 3 of  
17 P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-206) and shall state that he is a person with  
18 a disability validly qualified to receive a card, that the card is for  
19 the exclusive use of the person to whom it has been duly issued, is  
20 nontransferable and will be forfeited if presented by any other  
21 person, and that any abuse of any privilege, benefit, precedence, or  
22 consideration granted to any person to whom the card may be  
23 issued will be sufficient cause for revocation of the card,  
24 corresponding windshield placard and wheelchair symbol license  
25 plates, and the same may be forfeited or revoked accordingly, and  
26 in the absence of forfeiture or revocation the card shall be valid  
27 until the last day of the 36th calendar month following the calendar  
28 month in which that card was issued.

29 Every application for the issuance or renewal of a person with a  
30 disability identification card shall contain a statement signed by a  
31 physician, podiatrist, chiropractic physician, physician assistant, or  
32 nurse practitioner licensed to practice in this State or a bordering  
33 state or a physician stationed at a military or naval installation  
34 located in this State who is licensed to practice in any state,  
35 certifying that the applicant's stated disability qualifies the applicant  
36 to meet the definition of "person with a disability" pursuant to  
37 section 1 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204).

38 A person who qualifies as a veteran with a permanent disability  
39 pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-  
40 204) may submit, in lieu of a statement signed by a certified  
41 medical professional, an initial application that contains a statement  
42 signed by a representative of the United States Department of  
43 Veterans Affairs certifying that the person is permanently 100  
44 percent disabled. A person who qualifies as a veteran with a  
45 permanent disability shall not be required to resubmit the statement

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 issued by a representative of the United States Department of  
2 Veteran Affairs with a renewal application.

3 In order to be approved, the application for a person with a  
4 disability identification card shall be submitted to the commission  
5 not more than 60 days following the date upon which a physician,  
6 podiatrist, chiropractic physician, physician assistant, nurse  
7 practitioner, or representative of the United States Department of  
8 Veterans Affairs certifies that the applicant meets the definition of  
9 "person with a disability" pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1949, c.280  
10 (C.39:4-204). The application shall also include any additional  
11 information pertinent to the certification which the chief  
12 administrator, in the chief administrator's discretion, may require,  
13 including, but not limited to, the National Provider Identifier or  
14 state-issued licensing number of the physician, podiatrist,  
15 chiropractic physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner  
16 who certifies the applicant's eligibility for a person with a disability  
17 identification card.

18 (cf: P.L.2017, c.166, s.2)

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20 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month  
21 next following enactment, except the Chief Administrator of the  
22 Motor Vehicle Commission may take any anticipatory  
23 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the  
24 implementation of this act.

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#### STATEMENT

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29 This bill clarifies that a military veteran who is 100 percent  
30 disabled is required to submit to the Motor Vehicle Commission  
31 (MVC) a statement from the Department of Veterans Affairs  
32 certifying that he or she is 100 percent disabled on the initial  
33 application for disability parking privileges, but not on subsequent  
34 renewal applications.

35 Under federal law, a veteran rendered permanently disabled by a  
36 service-connected injury may receive from the United States  
37 Department of Veterans Affairs a 100 percent disability rating,  
38 which entitles the veteran to certain unemployment, health care, and  
39 educational benefits. New Jersey allows these military veterans to  
40 receive a disability identification card, placard, and license plates  
41 by submitting to the MVC a statement from the Department of  
42 Veterans Affairs certifying that they are 100 percent disabled. A  
43 military veteran who qualifies as being 100 percent disabled is not  
44 required to submit an application signed by a medical professional.

45 Under this bill, military veterans with a 100 percent disability  
46 rating would be required to submit the Department of Veterans  
47 Affairs statement on the initial application for parking privileges,  
48 but not on subsequent renewal applications.