

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1987

BY: TYLER of the HOUSE

and

LONG (Ed) of the SENATE

AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING 47 O.S.  
1991, SECTIONS 15-112 AND 15-112.1, WHICH RELATE TO  
PHYSICAL DISABILITY INSIGNIA; MODIFYING CERTAIN  
PROCEDURE; CLARIFYING LANGUAGE; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN  
PERSONS TO PARK MOTOR VEHICLES IN HANDICAPPED  
PARKING PLACES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 15-112, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 15-112. A. As used in this section:

1. "Physician" means any person holding a valid license to  
practice medicine and surgery, osteopathy, ~~or~~ chiropractic or  
podiatry, pursuant to the state licensing provisions of Title 59 of  
the Oklahoma Statutes; and

2. "Physical disability" means an illness, disease, injury or  
condition by reason of which a person:

- a. cannot walk two hundred (200) feet without stopping to  
rest, or
- b. cannot walk without the use of or assistance from a  
brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic

device, wheelchair or other ~~assistant~~ assistance device, or

- c. is restricted to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mm/hg on room air at rest, or
- d. must use portable oxygen, or
- e. has functional limitations which are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association, or
- f. is severely limited in his or her ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.

B. The Department of Public Safety shall issue a detachable insignia indicating physical disability to any person who submits an application on ~~forms~~ a form furnished by the Department, together with a certificate signed by a physician stating that the applicant has a physical disability. The certificate of the physician and the detachable insignia shall each bear an expiration date reflecting the date estimated by the physician to be the termination date of such physical disability unless the physical disability is certified by the physician to be permanent.

C. The Department shall, upon request by a physician, provide said physician temporary insignias indicating physical disability to be issued, at the discretion of the physician, to any person who has a physical disability. The temporary insignia shall bear an expiration date reflecting the date estimated by the physician to be the termination date of such physical disability, which shall not be later than six (6) months from the date of issuance.

D. A physician may sign a certificate stating that a person has a physical disability, as provided in subsection B of this section,

or issue to a person a temporary insignia indicating physical disability, as provided in subsection C of this section, only if care and treatment of the illness, disease, injury or condition causing the physical disability of such person falls within the authorized scope of practice of said physician.

E. The Department shall have the power to formulate, adopt and promulgate rules ~~and regulations~~ as may be necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, prescribing the manner in which the detachable insignia and the temporary insignia are to be displayed on a motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 15-112.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 15-112.1 No person shall be allowed to park a motor vehicle in a handicapped parking place other than the person to whom the insignia indicating physical disability is issued or a person who is transporting the person to whom the insignia indicating physical disability is issued.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective September 1, 1992.

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of February, 1992.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1992.

President of the Senate