

House Bill 613

By: Representative Campbell of the 39th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 10 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to parking for persons with disabilities, so as to change the conditions
3 under which a parking permit may be issued to an institution transporting one or more
4 persons with disabilities; to provide for other related matters; to provide an effective date;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 2 of Article 10 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to parking for persons with disabilities, is amended by striking subsections (a) and
10 (c) of Code Section 40-6-222, relating to handicapped parking permits, and inserting in their
11 respective places new subsections (a) and (c) of said Code section to read as follows:

12 "(a) The Department of Motor Vehicle Safety shall issue parking permits for persons with
13 disabilities at every place where it issues drivers' licenses. The department shall also
14 receive applications ~~for~~ from and issue parking permits for persons with disabilities by
15 mail and shall by regulation require such proof of disability or incapacity as is necessary
16 to issue such permits by mail. Permits shall be in such form as the department prescribes
17 but shall be of sufficient size and sufficiently distinctively marked to be easily visible when
18 placed on or affixed to the driver's side of the dashboard or hung from the rearview mirror
19 of the parked vehicle. Permits shall be made of plastic or heavyweight cardboard and shall
20 be of sufficient quality to ensure that the coloring of the permit and the ink used thereon
21 will resist fading for a period of at least four years. Permits shall be issued to individuals,
22 and the name of the individual and an identification number shall appear on the permit. The
23 individual to whom a permit is issued may use the permit for any vehicle he or she is
24 operating or in which he or she is a passenger. Permits shall also be issued to institutions
25 when:

1 (1) The ~~the~~ primary purpose of a vehicle operated by the institution is to transport
 2 ~~individuals~~ persons with disabilities; or

3 (2) The institution is a governmentally owned or operated senior citizens center or a
 4 church which is qualified as an exempt religious organization under Section 501 (c)(3)
 5 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which on a regular basis operates a
 6 vehicle transporting one or more persons with disabilities.

7 The name of the institution, the license number of the particular vehicle, and an
 8 identification number shall appear on the permit. The institution may use such permit only
 9 for a vehicle which is operated by the institution and which is used primarily to transport
 10 individuals with disabilities."

11 "(c) The department shall issue a permanent permit to any person who is obviously
 12 permanently disabled and to any other permanently disabled person upon presentation of
 13 an affidavit of a practitioner of the healing arts stating that such person is a permanently
 14 disabled person and the specific disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The
 15 department shall also issue a permanent permit to an institution which ~~operates vehicles~~
 16 ~~used primarily for the transportation of individuals with disabilities~~ meets the criteria
 17 specified in subsection (a) of this Code section, upon presentation of a certification from
 18 the institution regarding use of its vehicles. The institution shall receive permits only for
 19 the number of vehicles so used and shall affix the permits to the driver's side of the
 20 dashboards of such vehicles. The permanent permit shall be predominantly blue in color
 21 and shall show prominently on its face an expiration date four years from the date it is
 22 issued. The expiration date shall be printed in a size of print that is legible when the permit
 23 is hung from the rearview mirror or displayed on the driver's side of the dashboard."

24 SECTION 2.

25 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
 26 without such approval.

27 SECTION 3.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.