

State of Wisconsin



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2013 WISCONSIN ACT 359

AN ACT to amend 343.51 (1), 346.50 (2a) (intro.), 346.50 (3), 346.503 (1) and 349.13 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** use of special identification cards for persons with physical disabilities.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 343.51 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.51 (1) Any person who qualifies for registration plates of a special design under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), or (1q) or any other person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk may request from the department a special identification card that will entitle any motor vehicle, ~~other than a motorcycle,~~ parked by, or under the direction of, the person, or a motor vehicle, ~~other than a motorcycle,~~ operated by or on behalf of the organization when used to transport such a person, to parking privileges under s. 346.50 (2), (2a), and (3). The department shall issue the card at a fee to be determined by the department, upon submission by the applicant, if the applicant is an individual rather than an organization, of a statement from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal that the person is a person with a disability that

limits or impairs the ability to walk. The statement shall state whether the disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, the opinion of the physician, advanced practice nurse, public health nurse, physician assistant, podiatrist, chiropractor, or practitioner as to the duration of the disability. The department shall issue the card upon application by an organization on a form prescribed by the department if the department believes that the organization meets the requirements under this subsection.

SECTION 2. 346.50 (2a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 (2a) (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor vehicle, ~~other than a motorcycle,~~ upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card, or an emblem issued by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking in any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased, or both municipally owned and leased or a parking place owned or leased, or both owned and leased by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

more, no meter payment is required. Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the following:

SECTION 3. 346.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 (3) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a vehicle bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor vehicle, ~~other than a motoreyele,~~ upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a person with a physical disability is exempt from s. 346.505 (2) (a) or any ordinance in conformity therewith prohibiting parking, stopping, or standing upon any portion of a street, highway, or parking facility reserved for persons with physical disabilities by official traffic signs indicating the restriction. Stopping, standing, and parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the persons listed under subs. (2) and (2a) (a) to (m).

SECTION 4. 346.503 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.503 (1) In this section, “motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person” means a motor vehicle bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor vehicle, ~~other than~~

~~a motoreyele,~~ upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card, or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

SECTION 5. 349.13 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

349.13 (1m) In addition to the requirements under s. 346.503 (1m), the department, with respect to state trunk highways outside of corporate limits and parking facilities under its jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction including state trunk highways or connecting highways within corporate limits and parking facilities within corporate limits, may, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, prohibit parking, stopping, or standing upon any portion of a street, highway, or parking facility reserved for any vehicle bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor vehicle, ~~other than a motoreyele,~~ upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or any vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card, or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.