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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, an individual who applies for a windshield placard for disability access parking does not have to provide information such as a valid state issued driver's license number, non-driver identification number, or other identifying information as prerequisite to obtaining the placard.

This bill would require, prior to the issuance of a windshield placard for disability access parking, that an individual provide his or her valid state issued driver's license number, a non-driver identification number, or a unique identifying number, as prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1           To amend Section 32-6-231, Code of Alabama 1975, to  
2           require that certain identification information be submitted  
3           prior to the issuance of a windshield placard for disability  
4           access parking.

5           BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6           Section 1. Section 32-6-231, Code of Alabama 1975,  
7           is amended to read as follows:

8           "§32-6-231.

9           "(a) Any person who submits to the license issuing  
10          official a properly completed ~~special access parking or~~  
11          disability access parking application form ~~approved~~ prescribed  
12          by the Commissioner of Revenue which includes the physician's  
13          certification that he or she is an individual with a  
14          disability and the individual's state issued driver's license  
15          number, non-driver identification number, or, when the  
16          individual does not have a state issued driver's license  
17          number or non-driver identification number, a unique  
18          identifying number as prescribed by the Commissioner of  
19          Revenue, shall be issued one removable windshield placard  
20          displaying the International Symbol of Access thereby  
21          designating the driver of the vehicle or the passenger as  
22          being an individual with a disability. The applicant's name,  
23          address, valid state issued driver license number, non-driver  
24          identification number, or, when the applicant does not have a  
25          valid state issued driver license number or non-driver  
26          identification number, a unique identifying number as  
27          prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue, and the assigned

1 disability access parking placard number shall be included  
2 within the motor vehicle registration records in the state and  
3 county databases. The term state, as used in this section,  
4 shall be construed using the definition as provided in Section  
5 32-7A-2.

6 "(1) The removable windshield placard shall be  
7 prepared by the commissioner in conformity to Public Law  
8 100-641 and rulemaking resulting therefrom.

9 "(2) a. The removable windshield placard issued to  
10 the individual with a long-term disability shall expire after  
11 a maximum period of five years or any period less than five  
12 years to be designated by the commissioner. The placard shall  
13 clearly reveal the expiration date and shall be designed in  
14 accordance with Public Law 100-641 and rulemaking resulting  
15 therefrom to hang from the front windshield rearview mirror  
16 when the vehicle is parked in a parking space reserved for  
17 persons with disabilities. If the vehicle lacks a rearview  
18 mirror, the placard shall be placed on the dashboard.

19 "b. The commissioner may require all persons with  
20 long-term disabilities to be recertified by a licensed  
21 physician before ~~special access or~~ disability access parking  
22 removable windshield placards may be reissued.

23 "(3) In the event that an individual with a  
24 disability does not have the distinctive ~~special access or~~  
25 disability access license plate as provided by Sections  
26 40-12-300 to 40-12-302, inclusive, upon request, a second  
27 placard may be issued.

1           "(b) The commissioner may make any rules or  
2 regulations necessary to administer this division.

3           "(c) An individual with a temporary disability who  
4 submits to the license issuing official a properly completed  
5 ~~special access or~~ disability access application form ~~approved~~  
6 prescribed by the commissioner, which includes the physician's  
7 certification that he or she is a temporarily disabled  
8 individual and the individual's state issued driver's license  
9 number, non-driver identification number, or, when the  
10 individual does not have a state issued driver's license  
11 number or non-driver identification number, a unique  
12 identifying number as prescribed by the Commissioner of  
13 Revenue, shall be issued one temporary removable windshield  
14 placard for a period valid up to six months. The applicant's  
15 name, address, valid state issued driver license number,  
16 non-driver identification number, or, when the applicant does  
17 not have a valid state issued driver license number or  
18 non-driver identification number, a unique identifying number  
19 as prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue, and the assigned  
20 disability access parking placard number shall be included  
21 within the motor vehicle registration records in the state and  
22 county databases. The term state, as used in this section,  
23 shall be construed using the definition as provided in Section  
24 32-7A-2.

25           "(d) Any ~~special access or~~ disability access placard  
26 that is not in conformity with the federal system rule for  
27 handicapped parking, Public Law 100-641 and subsequent Rule 23

1 CFR § 1235, shall not be recognized as a valid handicapped  
2 parking credential."

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective on  
4 January 1, 2016.