

AN ACT concerning

Reserved Parking For Disabled Persons

FOR the purpose of providing that the Motor Vehicle Administration may issue a permit for a reserved parking space to a person who has a permanent physical disability under certain conditions, even though the applicant is not required to use a wheelchair; ~~defining when a disability is permanent;~~ and restructuring.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation
Section 21-1005
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter_____ of the Acts of
the General Assembly of 1977)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 21-1005 of Article - Transportation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (As enacted by Chapter_____ of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1977) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Transportation

21-1005.

~~(A) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A PHYSICAL DISABILITY IS PERMANENT IF IT IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR.~~

[(a)] ~~(A)~~ (A) [If, because of] A PERSON WHO HAS a permanent physical disability[, a person is required to use a wheelchair to move about, the person] may apply to the Administration, on the form that it requires, for a permit for one reserved parking space:

(1) To be located at the curb, side, or edge of the roadway of the highway in front of or near his dwelling house; and

(2) To provide convenience and safety as the person enters or leaves his vehicle or that of another.

~~(C)~~ (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE THE PERMIT:

(1) IF THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO USE A WHEELCHAIR TO MOVE ABOUT OR IF THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES THAT THE DISABILITY IS SO SEVERE THAT THE APPLICANT WOULD ENDURE A HARDSHIP OR BE SUBJECT TO A RISK OF INJURY IF THE APPLICANT SHOULD ENTER OR LEAVE THE