

(1977 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Transportation

21-1005.

(a) A person who has a permanent physical disability 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.

(b) (1) The Administration shall issue the permit:

[(1)] (I) 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 vehicle at a less convenient location; and

[(2)] (II) If the Administration determines that the physical disability is permanent.

(2) TO DETERMINE IF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CONTINUE TO BE MET, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY CONDUCT A REVIEW OF ANY PERMIT IT HAS ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. IF IT DETERMINES THAT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT BEING MET, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY:

(I) REVOKE THE PERMIT; AND

(II) REQUEST THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY TO REMOVE ANY SIGN OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION OF THE RESERVED SPACE.

(3) IF THE ADMINISTRATION FINDS IT NECESSARY TO REVIEW THE SEVERITY OR PERMANENCY OF A PERMIT HOLDER'S DISABILITY, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY REQUEST REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION BY THE MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD ESTABLISHED UNDER § 16-118 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(c) On receipt of the permit, the person shall affix it to his vehicle in a conspicuous place.