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Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Real Property Taxation

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to enabling chiropractors to certify disability; to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to enabling chiropractors to certify disability for the purpose of issuance of handicapped license plates and registration; and to amend the education law, in relation to enabling chiropractors to be employed by school districts to provide school health services

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 459 of the real property tax law,
2 as amended by chapter 265 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 2. To qualify as physically disabled for the purposes of this section,
5 an individual shall submit to the assessor a certified statement from a
6 physician OR CHIROPRACTOR licensed to practice in the state on a form
7 prescribed and made available by the commissioner which states that the
8 individual has a permanent physical impairment which substantially
9 limits one or more of such individual's major life activities, except
10 that an individual who has obtained a certificate from the state commis-
11 sion for the blind stating that such individual is legally blind may
12 submit such certificate in lieu of a physician's certified statement.
13 S 2. Subdivision 4 and paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section 404-a
14 of the vehicle and traffic law, subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 686
15 of the laws of 1994 and the opening paragraph and paragraph (c) of
16 subdivision 4 and paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 as amended by chapter
17 277 of the laws of 2012, are amended to read as follows:
18 4. Issue of plates. The commissioner shall issue sets of plates to
19 such person in accordance with subdivision two of this section with
20 proof of such disability of such person or such members of his or her

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 family certified by a physician, physician assistant, CHIROPRACTOR or
2 nurse practitioner, to the extent authorized by law, including the
3 education law, and consistent with any applicable written practice
4 agreement, or podiatrist pursuant to subdivision four-a of this section
5 or optometrist pursuant to subdivision four-b of this section, to the
6 satisfaction of the commissioner who is empowered to carry out the
7 effects of this section by formulating rules and regulations.

8 For the purposes of this section, a "severely disabled person" shall
9 mean any person having any one or more of the following impairments,
10 disabilities or conditions which are permanent in nature:

11 (a) Has limited or no use of one or both lower limbs;

12 (b) Has a neuro-muscular dysfunction which severely limits mobility;

13 (c) Has a physical or mental impairment or condition which is other
14 than those specified above, but is of such nature as to impose unusual
15 hardship in utilization of public transportation facilities and such
16 condition is certified by a physician, physician assistant or nurse
17 practitioner, to the extent authorized by law, including the education
18 law, and consistent with any applicable written practice agreement, duly
19 licensed to practice medicine in this state, or, pursuant to subdivision
20 four-a of this section, a podiatrist duly licensed to practice podiatry
21 in this state or, pursuant to subdivision four-b of this section, an
22 optometrist duly licensed to practice optometry in this state, as
23 constituting an equal degree of disability (specifying the particular
24 condition) so as to prevent such person from getting around without
25 great difficulty in accordance with subdivision two of this section; or

26 (d) A blind person.

27 (b) The commissioner may require the applicant for registration to
28 furnish such proof of his or her disability or such proof of disability
29 of such members of his or her family from a physician, physician assist-
30 ant, CHIROPRACTOR or nurse practitioner, to the extent authorized by
31 law, including the education law, and consistent with any applicable
32 written practice agreement, or podiatrist pursuant to subdivision four-a
33 of this section or optometrist pursuant to subdivision four-b of this
34 section, as the commissioner deems necessary either for initial regis-
35 tration or renewal thereof; provided, however, that a handicapped or
36 disabled permit issued by a municipality to such applicant pursuant to
37 section twelve hundred three-a of this chapter shall be deemed suffi-
38 cient proof of disability for purposes of this paragraph.

39 S 3. Subdivision 1 of section 902 of the education law, as amended by
40 chapter 477 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

41 1. As used in this article "health professionals" means persons duly
42 licensed or otherwise authorized to practice a health profession pursu-
43 ant to applicable law, including, but not limited to, physicians, regis-
44 tered professional nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians assistants,
45 optometrists, dentists, dental hygienists, CHIROPRACTORS, dietitians and
46 nutritionists, and audiologists.

47 S 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
48 have become a law.