

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 31, 2025

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

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 § 2. Subdivision 4 and paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section 404-a  
14 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 376 of the laws of  
15 2015, are amended to read as follows:  
16 4. Issue of plates. The commissioner shall issue sets of plates to  
17 such person in accordance with subdivision two of this section with  
18 proof of such disability of such person or such members of [~~his or her~~  
19 such person's family certified by a physician, physician assistant,  
20 chiropractor or nurse practitioner, to the extent authorized by law and

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

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1 consistent with subdivision three of section six thousand nine hundred  
2 two of the education law, or podiatrist pursuant to subdivision four-a  
3 of this section or optometrist pursuant to subdivision four-b of this  
4 section, to the satisfaction of the commissioner who is empowered to  
5 carry out the effects of this section by formulating rules and regu-  
6 lations.

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

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

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

12 (c) Has a physical or mental impairment or condition which is other  
13 than those specified above, but is of such nature as to impose unusual  
14 hardship in utilization of public transportation facilities and such  
15 condition is certified by a physician, physician assistant or nurse  
16 practitioner, to the extent authorized by law and consistent with subdi-  
17 vision three of section six thousand nine hundred two of the education  
18 law, duly licensed to practice in this state, or, pursuant to subdivi-  
19 sion four-a of this section, a podiatrist duly licensed to practice  
20 podiatry in this state or, pursuant to subdivision four-b of this  
21 section, an optometrist duly licensed to practice optometry in this  
22 state, as constituting an equal degree of disability (specifying the  
23 particular condition) so as to prevent such person from getting around  
24 without great difficulty in accordance with subdivision two of this  
25 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~~] such applicant's disability or such  
29 proof of disability of such members of [~~his or her~~] such applicant's  
30 family from a physician, physician assistant, chiropractor or nurse  
31 practitioner, to the extent authorized by law and consistent with subdi-  
32 vision three of section six thousand nine hundred two of the education  
33 law, or podiatrist pursuant to subdivision four-a of this section or  
34 optometrist pursuant to subdivision four-b of this section, as the  
35 commissioner deems necessary either for initial registration or renewal  
36 thereof; provided, however, that a handicapped or disabled permit issued  
37 by a municipality to such applicant pursuant to section twelve hundred  
38 three-a of this chapter shall be deemed sufficient proof of disability  
39 for purposes of this paragraph.

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

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

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