S T A T E O F N E W Y O R K

6556

2009-2010 Regular Sessions

I N A S S E M B L Y

March 6, 2009

Introduced by M. of A. TOWNS, GORDON, BACALLES, REILLY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to granting temporary parking permits for handicapped parking spaces to pregnant women

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1203-a-1 to read as follows:

S 1203-A-1. TEMPORARY PARKING PERMITS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER TO THE CONTRARY, ANY MUNICIPALITY MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY SPECIAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION PARKING PERMIT TO ANY WOMAN WHO IS PREGNANT, AS CERTIFIED BY A PHYSICIAN. SUCH TEMPORARY SPECIAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION PARKING PERMIT SHALL BE RECOGNIZED STATEWIDE AND SHALL TERMINATE AT THE END OF THE PREGNANCY.

S 2. Section 1203-b of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 203 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

S 1203-b. Parking spaces; handicapped. 1. Parking spaces for the handicapped as provided for in sections one thousand two hundred three-a and one thousand two hundred three-c of this [chapter] ARTICLE shall also be extended to a motor vehicle registered in accordance with section four hundred four-a, OR A TEMPORARY PARKING PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THREE-A-ONE of this chapter. A handicapped permit issued in accordance with the provisions of section one thousand two hundred three-a AND A TEMPORARY PARKING PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THREE-A-ONE of this [chapter] ARTICLE shall entitle the driver to park in such parking spaces. Parking spaces for the handicapped shall be those parking spaces accorded to a holder of a handicapped parking permit provided in accordance with section one thousand two hundred three-a or as provided in section four hundred

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

LBD08641-01-9

four-a OR SECTION ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THREE-A-ONE of this chapter, AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO ISSUE TEMPORARY PARKING PERMITS TO PREGNANT WOMEN.

2. It shall be a violation for any person to stop, stand or park a vehicle in any area designated as a place for handicapped parking unless the vehicle bears a permit issued under section one thousand two hundred three-a, SECTION ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THREE-A-ONE or a registration issued under section four hundred four-a of this chapter and such vehicle is being used for the transportation of a severely disabled [or], handicapped OR PREGNANT person. This subdivision shall not apply to a violation of section twelve hundred three-c of this [chapter] ARTICLE.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.