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Introduced by M. of A. CRESPO, McDONALD, STIRPE, ORTIZ, BUTTENSCHON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. FITZPATRICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing licensed podiatrists to certify a temporary disability for purposes of issuance of special vehicle identification parking permits to persons temporarily unable to ambulate without the aid of an assisting device

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 3 of section 1203-a of the vehicle and traffic law, paragraph (i) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 180 of the laws of 1996 and subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 220 of the laws of 1984, are amended and a new subdivision 1-a is added to read as follows:

(i) any resident of New York state who is a severely disabled person, as defined in subdivision [~~three~~] four of section four hundred four-a of this chapter, upon application of such person or such person's parent or guardian, provided, however, that an issuing agent shall issue permits only to residents of the city, town or village in which such issuing agent is located, except that, an issuing agent, in his or her discretion, may issue a permit to a severely disabled person who is not a resident of the city, town, or village in which such issuing agent is located where such person resides in a city, town, or village in which the governing body has not appointed an issuing agent; and an issuing agent, in his or her discretion, may issue a temporary special vehicle identification parking permit, as authorized by subdivision three of this section, to a person who is temporarily unable to ambulate without the aid of an assisting device, as certified by a physician **or, pursuant to subdivision one-a of this section, a podiatrist duly licensed to**

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

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practice podiatry in this state, who resides in a city, town, or village in which the issuing agent does not issue temporary special vehicle identification parking permits, or who is not a resident of the United States and is temporarily visiting the state; or

1-a. In certifying a temporary inability to ambulate without the aid of an assisting device, a podiatrist duly licensed to practice podiatry in this state may certify only those conditions which he or she treats in the course of the practice of podiatry, as defined by section seven thousand one of the education law.

3. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, any municipality may issue a temporary special vehicle identification parking permit to any person who is temporarily unable to ambulate without the aid of an assisting device, as certified by a physician or, pursuant to subdivision one-a of this section, a podiatrist duly licensed to practice podiatry in this state. Such temporary special vehicle identification parking permit shall be valid for not more than six months and shall be recognized statewide.

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