

Albany, New York

August 6, 2024

TO: All Issuing Agents of Parking Permits for People with Disabilities

SUBJECT: Chapter 205 of the Laws of 2024 – Renewing Parking Permits for People with Disabilities

Effective July 25, 2024, Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) section 1203-a is amended to add a new subdivision (1-a) which provides that a severely disabled person, as defined in VTL section 404-a(4), who has a parking permit for a permanent disability shall not be required to submit an updated medical certification or additional medical documents when applying to renew the permit.

A copy of Chapter 205 of the Laws of 2024 is attached for reference.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

Mark J.F. Schroeder
Commissioner

Attachment

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 2024

CHAPTER 205

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to allowing severely disabled individuals to renew parking permits without providing an updated medical certification or additional medical documents

Became a law July 25, 2024, with the approval of the Governor.
Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subdivision 1 of section 1203-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 180 of the laws of 1996, is 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~~ **their** 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~~ **their** 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, 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. Any resident of New York state who is a severely disabled person, as defined in subdivision four of section four hundred four-a of this chapter, shall not be required to provide an updated medical certification or additional medical documents upon application for renewal of a permit issued pursuant to this section. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "permit" shall not include a temporary special vehicle identification parking permit issued pursuant to this section to a person who is temporarily unable to ambulate without the aid of an assisting device.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

The Legislature of the STATE OF NEW YORK ss:

Pursuant to the authority vested in us by section 70-b of the Public Officers Law, we hereby jointly certify that this slip copy of this session law was printed under our direction and, in accordance with such section, is entitled to be read into evidence.

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS
Temporary President of the Senate

CARL E. HEASTIE
Speaker of the Assembly
