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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND
PRIVILEGES**

Introduced By: Representatives Read, Potter, Noret, Casimiro, Hopkins, Cotter, Donovan, and Spears

Date Introduced: January 23, 2026

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-28 of the General Laws entitled "Parking Facilities and
2 Privileges" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-28-7.4. Motor vehicle plates for persons with disabilities -- Adaptive vehicle license**
4 **plate.**

5 **(a) Definitions. As used in the section:**

6 **(1) "Adaptive vehicle" means a motor vehicle that has been structurally modified or**
7 **equipped with specialized equipment (such as ramps, lifts, lowered floors, specialized hand**
8 **controls, or restraint systems) to accommodate the transportation needs of an individual with a**
9 **significant mobility impairment.**

10 **(2) "Adaptive vehicle license plate" means a special registration plate issued under this**
11 **section that identifies a vehicle as an adaptive or mobility-modified vehicle.**

12 **(3) "Qualified individual" means a person who has a permanent mobility impairment**
13 **certified by a licensed physician or a physical therapist, necessitating the use of an adaptive vehicle**
14 **for transport.**

15 **(b) Eligibility requirements.**

16 **(1) Completed application form from the department of motor vehicles.**

17 **(2) Medical certification of disability/need for vehicle modification.**

18 **(3) Proof of vehicle modification.**

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would create a new registration plate for qualified individuals to possess an
- 2 "adaptive vehicle license plate" to accommodate the transportation needs of an individual with a
- 3 significant mobility impairment.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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