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**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

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**A N   A C T**

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

Introduced By: Senators Urso, Felag, Patalano, Rogers, Appollonio, Vargas, Paolino,  
Tikoian, and Dimitri

Date Introduced: January 16, 2026

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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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