

By Mr. Bertonazzi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1185) of Louis P. Bertonazzi for legislation to enable councils on aging to apply for a special placard. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

AN ACT TO ENABLE COUNCILS ON AGING TO APPLY FOR A SPECIAL PLACARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 2 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out the seventh paragraph, inserted by Chapter 308
3 of the acts of 1986, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 paragraph: —

5 The registrar may furnish plates displaying the "International
6 Symbol of Access" for a pleasure passenger vehicle or a pick-up
7 truck used exclusively for noncommercial purposes, owned or
8 leased by and used by a blind person or a person who has suffered
9 the loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet, or of one
10 or both hands, and the medical advisory board as established by
11 section eight C, may determine such other standards of disability
12 and handicap and of qualification for the issuance of said plates
13 as said board deems proper. The registrar may also furnish a
14 special parking identification plate bearing the "International
15 Symbol of Access" to any person who meets the eligibility
16 requirements for handicapped plates prescribed herein. Said
17 parking identification plate shall be of such size and design as the
18 registrar shall require and shall be numbered and contain the name
19 and a photograph of the person to whom such plate is issued, and
20 shall verify that such person is handicapped and eligible to receive
21 such plate. A special parking identification plate may also be
22 furnished to a local Council on Aging for use in a vehicle owned
23 by the municipality or the local Council on Aging and operated

24 by the local Council on Aging for the exclusive purpose of
25 transporting senior citizens. When used by the bearer, said plate
26 shall be displayed so as to be visible through the left portion of
27 the windshield of a private passenger motor vehicle or a pick-up
28 used exclusively for noncommercial purposes, and shall be for the
29 exclusive use of the bearer while being transported in said vehicle.
30 Use of the card by any person other than the bearer shall be cause
31 for revocation. Anyone who wrongfully displays a special parking
32 identification plate in a motor vehicle shall be subject to a fine
33 of one hundred dollars. At no time shall the registrar issue to any
34 person both plates displaying the "International Symbol of
35 Access" and a special parking identification plate prescribed
36 herein.