

By Mr. Benson of Greenfield, petition of William D. Benson, Christopher J. Hodgkins and Stephen W. Doran relative to further regulating the operation of motor vehicles for certain handicapped persons. Public Safety.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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**AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR CERTAIN HANDICAPPED PERSONS.**

*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 adding after paragraph six the following new paragraph: —  
3 The registrar may also issue to a person who is blind or has  
4 suffered the loss of permanent loss of use of one or both feet, or of  
5 one or both hands, or a person who, according to certification from  
6 a licensed physician, suffers from a chronic lung disease to the  
7 extent that such disability is evidenced by a forced expiratory  
8 volume (FEV) in one second of one liter or less, a permanent  
9 identification card to be used by the handicapped person when  
10 riding in a pleasure passenger vehicle which does not have handi-  
11 capped plates for the purpose of parking in parking spaces desig-  
12 nated for handicapped only. The registrar may issue only one  
13 permanent identification card per handicapped person upon appli-  
14 cation and certification of being handicapped by a licensed physi-  
15 cian and upon qualifications determined by the registrar. Persons  
16 eligible for identification cards include handicapped children. The  
17 permanent identification card will be of such size, construction and  
18 design as to be able to be placed in the rear window of a pleasure  
19 passenger vehicle. The identification card must be placed on the  
20 left side of the rear window and be clearly visible. The fee for a  
21 permanent identification card is to be established by the registrar  
22 and must be reasonable.

