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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2939

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act allowing cities and towns the authority to issue temporary parking identification placards to the temporarily disabled.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*
James M. Murphy	*4th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2939) of Bruce J. Ayers and James M. Murphy that cities and towns be authorized to issue temporary placards for handicapped parking spaces. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3007* OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act allowing cities and towns the authority to issue temporary parking identification placards to the temporarily disabled.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after line 319 the following paragraph:—

"In accordance with section 22 of chapter 40, any city or town may also furnish a special temporary parking identification placard, as identified in the preceding paragraph, to any person who has suffered the temporary loss of use of 1 or more limbs, or post surgical debilitation, or any other conditions which may render a person temporarily unable to walk distances greater than those measured from the average handicapped parking space to building entrance or other destination. Said temporary parking identification placard shall be issued by the police department of the city or town where such temporarily disabled person resides and shall be

10 effective for a period of not more than 90 days and renewable for an additional period of 90 days
11 with proper medical documentation and the approval of the issuing department. Unless otherwise
12 deemed by a city or town, the chief of police shall be the local authority designated with the
13 responsibility to promulgate all rules and directives concerning the issuance and oversight of said
14 temporary identification placards within his jurisdiction. Said temporary parking identification
15 placard shall be of such uniform size and design as the registrar of motor vehicles shall
16 determine; provided that such placards can be produced locally and shall verify, in a manner
17 determined acceptable to said registrar, that such person is temporarily handicapped and eligible
18 to receive and use such placard. When used by the bearer, said placard shall be displayed in a
19 manner consistent with the requirements for special parking identification placards described in
20 the preceding paragraph."

21 SECTION 2. Section 22A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
22 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "ninety", as appearing in line 32
23 and line 43 the following new text:—

24 "or the temporary parking identification placard authorized and issued by a city or town
25 in accordance with section 2 of chapter 90".