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So much of the recommendations of the Inspector General (House, No. 11) as relates to disability placards. Transportation.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court**
**(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to disability placards.

*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 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "time.", in line 322, the following: Obstruction of the placard number or expiration date, including the failure to display the placard as to make such number and date readily visible through the windshield, or the failure to follow instructions printed on the placard, shall be subject to a fine of $50.

SECTION 2. Said section 2 of chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "section.", in line 325, the following:

The registrar may require additional documents or information from an applicant to verify any information contained in an application for a plate or placard. No application shall be processed until such additional documentation or information is provided to the registrar by the applicant.

SECTION 3. Said section 2 of chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking, in line 333, the figures “30” and inserting in place thereof the following: 60.

SECTION 4. Said section 2 of chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking, in line 334, the figures “90” and inserting in place thereof the following: 120.

SECTION 5. Said section 2 of chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word “person.”, in line 342, the following:

The registrar may investigate allegations that an individual has falsely obtained or is ineligible for a plate or placard and may, in addition to any other penalties, revoke a plate or placard upon a finding of such ineligibility or a finding that a plate or placard was falsely obtained. Any application for a plate or placard, or report of a lost or stolen plate or placard shall be made under the penalties of perjury. Any person who intentionally makes a false statement in an application for a plate or placard, including for the renewal of a plate or placard, or when reporting a plate or placard lost or stolen shall be subject to a fine of $500 for a first offense and $1,000 for a second or subsequent offense. The registrar shall require the return of any plate or placard that has been revoked or canceled and failure to return said plate or placard shall be subject to a fine of $100.

SECTION 6. Section 24B of said chapter 90, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “sticker,”, in line 17, the following: or whoever uses or displays a special parking identification disability placard belonging to a deceased person,.

SECTION 7. Said section 24B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word “vehicles”, in line 30, the following:

, special parking identification disability placard.

SECTION 8. Said section 24B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word “vehicles”, in line 32, the following:

, special parking identification disability placard.

SECTION 9. Said section 24B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word “operate”, in line 34, the following:

, special parking identification disability placards.

SECTION 10. Said section 24B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word “vehicles”, in line 45, the following:

or special parking identification disability placard.

SECTION 11. Said section 24B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word “own”, in line 48, the following:

, including the name of a deceased person,.

SECTION 12. Said section 24B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word “license”, in line 48, the following:

, permit or placard.

SECTION 13. Said Section 24B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word “vehicles” in line 50, the following:

or special parking identification placard.