A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 291-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending the definition of "certificate of disability" to read:

"Certificate of disability" means a medical statement issued by a licensed practicing physician or advanced practice registered nurse which verifies that a person is disabled, limited, or impaired in the ability to walk, or is disabled and in need of spacial accommodations to enter and exit their vehicle."

2. By amending the definition of "person with a disability" to read:

"Person with a disability" means a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, and who, as determined by a licensed practicing physician or an advanced practice registered nurse:
(1) Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest, and who has been diagnosed with:
   (A) An arthritic, neurological, orthopedic, renal, vascular, or oncological condition;
   (B) Lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest; or
   (C) A cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to the standards set by the American Heart Association; and

(2) Because of a condition identified in paragraph (1):
   (A) Cannot walk two hundred feet under the person's own power without stopping to rest;
   (B) Cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device; or
(C) Uses portable oxygen.

"Person with a disability" may include a person with a disability that does not limit or impair the ability to walk, but requires spacial accommodations to enter and exit their vehicle, as determined by a licensed practicing physician or an advanced practice registered nurse."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Description:
Amends the definitions of "certificate of disability" and "person with a disability" to allow a person with a disability that does not limit or impair the ability to walk and needs special accommodations to enter and exit their vehicle to be issued a disability parking permit.

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