

Trevor Lee proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **Disabled Parking Permit Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Trevor Lee**

Senate Sponsor:

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2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill creates a temporary parking permit for expectant mothers.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This bill:

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- 8 ▶ defines terms;
- 9 ▶ creates a temporary parking placard, allowing expectant mothers to park in accessible
- 10 parking spaces; and
- 11 ▶ makes technical changes.

12 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

13 None

14 **Other Special Clauses:**

15 This bill provides a special effective date.

16 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

17 **AMENDS:**

18 **41-1a-414**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 294

19 **41-6a-217**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 2

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21 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

22 Section 1. Section **41-1a-414** is amended to read:

23 **41-1a-414 . Parking privileges for individuals with disabilities and expectant**  
24 **mothers.**

25 (1) As used in this section:

26 (a) "Accessible parking space" means a parking space that:

27 (i) is clearly identified as reserved for use by [a person] an individual with a disability

28 and includes:

29 [(i)] (A) vertical signage, including the international symbol of accessibility, that is

visible from a passing vehicle; and

[**(ii)**] **(B)** a clearly marked access aisle, if provided, that is adjacent to and considered part of the parking space[.] ; and

(ii) an individual with a disability or an expectant mother may use for parking, in accordance with the requirements of this part.

(b) "Expectant mother" means an individual who is pregnant, as confirmed by a physician.

(c) "Expectant mother parking placard" means a temporary removable windshield placard that includes, conspicuously displayed:

(i) the expiration date of the placard; and

(ii) the following statement, in bold, "An expectant mother parking placard may be issued only to an expectant mother and is valid for up to one year after the date of issuance."

(d) "Physician" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-1a-420.

(e)(i) "Removable windshield placard" means a placard that is removable and meant to be displayed on, or visible from, the windshield of a vehicle.

(ii) "Removable windshield placard" includes:

(A) an expectant mother parking placard;

(B) a temporary removable windshield placard;

(C) a temporary wheelchair user placard; and

(D) a wheelchair user placard.

(f) "Temporary removable windshield placard" means a removable windshield placard with an expiration date.

[**(b)**] **(g)** "Temporary wheelchair user placard" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-1a-420

[e)] (h) "Van accessible parking space" means an accessible parking space that is marked for use by a qualifying [person] individual with a walking disability who has a temporary wheelchair user placard or a wheelchair user placard and includes:

- (i) vertical signage with the international symbol of accessibility and the words "van accessible" that is visible from a passing vehicle; and
- (ii) a clearly marked access aisle that is adjacent to and considered part of the parking space;

[~~(d)~~] (i) "Walking disability" means a physical disability that requires the use of a walking-assistive device or wheelchair or similar low-powered motorized or

64 mechanically propelled vehicle that is specifically designed to assist [a person] an  
65 individual who has a limited or impaired ability to walk.

66 [(e)] (j) "Wheelchair user placard" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
67 41-1a-420.

68 (2) Except in parking areas designated for emergency use, [a person] an individual with a  
69 disability, qualifying under rules made in accordance with Section 41-1a-420, may park  
70 an appropriately marked vehicle for reasonable periods without charge in metered  
71 parking zones and restricted parking areas, in a manner that allows proper access to the  
72 vehicle by the [person] individual with a disability.

73 (3)(a) The division shall create an expectant mother parking placard.

74 (b) The division shall provide for the design, size, color, and placement of the expectant  
75 mother parking placard described in Subsection (3)(a).

76 (4) The division shall issue an expectant mother parking placard to an applicant who:

77 (a) is an expectant mother;  
78 (b) completes an application as required under this section; and  
79 (c) pays a \$15 application fee.

80 (5) The division shall deposit the application fee described in Subsection (4)(c) into the  
81 License Plate Restricted Account described in Section 41-1a-122.

82 (6) An application for an expectant mother parking placard shall include:

83 (a) a certification by a physician that the applicant is an expectant mother;  
84 (b) the certifying physician's name and address; and  
85 (c) the signatures of:  
86 (i) the certifying physician; and  
87 (ii) the applicant.

88 [(3)(a) Only those vehicles carrying a person with a disability special group license  
89 plate, temporary removable windshield placard, or removable windshield placard and  
90 transporting a qualifying person with a disability may park in an accessible parking  
91 space.]

92 [(b) A violation of Subsection (3)(a) is a class C misdemeanor.]

93 [(c) A person described in Subsection (3)(a) is encouraged to avoid parking in a van  
94 accessible parking space unless:]

95 [(i) the person has a walking disability and has a temporary wheelchair user placard;]  
96 [(ii) the person has a wheelchair user placard; or]  
97 [(iii) all other accessible parking spaces that are not van accessible parking spaces are

~~occupied.]~~

(7)(a) A vehicle may park in an accessible parking space if:

(i) the vehicle displays:

(A) a disability special group license plate;

(B) a temporary removable windshield placard; or

(C) a removable windshield placard; and

(ii) the vehicle is transporting a qualifying individual with a disability or an expectant mother.

(b) An individual who violates Subsection (7)(a) is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

(c) An individual parking a vehicle described in Subsection (7)(a) is encouraged to avoid parking in a van accessible parking space unless:

(i) the individual has a walking disability and has a temporary wheelchair user placard:

(ii) the individual has a wheelchair user placard; or

(iii) all other accessible parking spaces that are not van accessible parking spaces are occupied

[44] (8) This section applies to and may be enforced on public property and on private property that is used or intended for use by the public.

[5)] (9) The parking privileges granted by this section also apply to vehicles [displaying a person] with a:

(a) disability special group license plate[-] :

(b) temporary removable windshield placard described in this section[-] ; or

(c) removable windshield placard issued by another jurisdiction if displayed on a vehicle being used by [a person] an individual with a disability.

[{6}] (10) In addition to required accessible parking spaces, a person may provide and designate parking spaces for veterans and service members, including those with a disability

Section 2. Section 41-6a-217 is amended to read:

41-6a-217 . Volunteers may be authorized to enforce certain parking provisions.

(1) [Any] A law enforcement agency authorized to enforce parking laws in this state may appoint volunteers to issue citations for violations of:

(a) [the provisions of] Subsections [41-1a-414(3) and (4)] 41-1a-414(7) and (8) related to parking for [a person] an individual with a disability:

(b) [any] a municipal or county accessible parking privileges ordinance for [a person] an

132                   individual with a disability; or

133                   (c) [the provisions of] Subsection 41-6a-1307(4) related to parking in a school bus

134                   parking zone.

135                   (2) A volunteer appointed under this section must be at least 21 years [of age] old.

136                   (3) The law enforcement agency appointing a volunteer may establish any other

137                   qualification for the volunteer that the agency finds desirable.

138                   (4) A volunteer may not issue citations until the volunteer has received training from the

139                   appointing law enforcement agency.

140                   (5) A citation issued by a volunteer under this section has the same [force and] effect as a

141                   citation issued by a peace officer for the same offense.

142                   **Section 3. Effective Date.**

143                   This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.