

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB163**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 24, 2011  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Fischer  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to parking permits and license plates for handicapped or disabled persons and authorize a state electronic application system

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Campbell, Dubas, Fischer, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Louden, Price  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Dusty Vaughan  
Beverly Neth

**Representing:**

Introducing for Sen. Fischer  
Department of Motor Vehicles

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Ed Schafer  
Richard Hedrick

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 163 authorizes the DMV to create an electronic application process for handicapped permits and makes the process more convenient for a permit holder.

The bill makes many changes to the statutory provisions of the handicapped permit process. However, most are for clarification and reorganizations purposes. The main substantive changes include:

Section 3 amends Sec.18-1738 to allow a person to hold up to two permits at one time.

The section also allows an application for a renewal permit to be filed within 180 days prior to the current permit's expiration. Current statute only allows renewal applications within 30 days of expiration.

Section 6 amends Sec.18-1739 to allow up to two duplicate permits to be issued in a permit's valid period before an applicant is required to reapply for a new permit. Current statute only allows for one duplicate permit to be issued.

Section 7 amends Sec.18-1740 to extend the validity of permanently issued handicapped permits from three years to six years.

Section 23 authorizes the DMV to create an electronic system for handicapped or disabled parking permits. The system

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shall be implemented before January 1, 2013.

Section 24 expands upon the electronic system, allowing a person or certified health care provider to apply for the permit using the online process. A certified health care provider includes a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse.

Application for renewal can be made within 180 days of the original permit's expiration date.

DMV will also be required to issue an identification card showing the expiration date of the permit and such identifying information of the applicant as necessary.

DMV will be required to verify that the applicant qualifies for a permit and deliver the permit to the applicant. A person may hold up to two permits.

Section 29 prohibits any person from providing false information on a permit application, making it a Class III misdemeanor.

If the director discovers fraud in an application, she may cancel the permit and send notice of cancellation.

Section 30 allows rule and regulation authority for the DMV, and specifically states all current rules and regulations regarding the permit process will remain in place until they are amended or nullified.

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Deb Fischer, Chairperson