

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

C.S.S.B. 132  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law allows disabled persons to register and acquire special license plates and vehicle parking placards. Such persons are required to procure a written statement from a physician licensed in Texas. However, persons living in areas near the state line often have physicians in another state. C.S.S.B. 132 would allow disabled persons to acquire a written statement from physicians licensed in a state adjacent to Texas.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 132 requires the issuance of special license plates or vehicle parking placards to persons with disabilities.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 502.253(e), Transportation Code, to require the application for registration to be accompanied by a written statement of a physician in a state adjacent to this state certifying to the Texas Department of Transportation that the person making the application is handicapped.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 681.001(5), Transportation Code, to redefine “mobility problem that substantially impairs a person’s ability to ambulate.”

SECTION 3. Amends Section 681.003(c), Transportation Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

SECTION 2.

Amends Section 681.001(5), Transportation Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3.

Redesignates SECTION 2 as SECTION 3.

SECTION 4.

Redesignates SECTION 3 as SECTION 4.