

# Motor Vehicle Advisory

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**TO:** All Law Enforcement Officials  
**FROM:** Raymond P. Martinez, Chairman & Chief Administrator  
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**SUBJECT:** Persons with a Disability Parking Placards

Disability Parking Privileges (N.J.S.A. 39:4-204 through 39:4-207.9)

Effective August 1, 2013, New Jersey State law has been amended to require that the unique parking privileges of persons with a disability will expire every three (3) years. This requirement will help reduce fraud.

Upon expiration of the privileges, a person must re-submit an application and all supporting documentation to the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). This includes a new medical certification from a qualified medical practitioner that the person's qualifying disability continues to exist.

This will be a phased-in program that will take three years to be completed. Consequently, beginning August 1, 2013 you will start to see redesigned placards (see Exhibit A). In addition, for the next three years, you will also see valid old style placards (see Exhibit B). The old style placards are not being recalled. Rather, they are being replaced as they come up for renewal.

Persons with a disability will continue to be issued an appropriate identification card (see Exhibit C) that must be in their possession when parking in a designated parking space.

The redesigned permanent placards will be issued for all recertification (now required every three years) and initial applications beginning on August 1, 2013. They will clearly show their expiration date which will be on the last day of the month that is punched out. The year of expiration will also be punched out.

The intent of this advisory is to inform the law enforcement community of the document changes that will be taking place. Motor Vehicle regulations are currently going through the adoption process and are expected to be finalized in December 2013. Until final regulations are adopted enforcement against any individual who displays a placard or specialty license plate but who produces an ID card that has expired between July 31, 2013 and December 31, 2013 should be limited to a warning. Note, unauthorized parking in designated parking spaces without license

plates or a placard is a Title 39 violation and, as always, should be enforced at the officer's discretion. The MVC will notify you when the adoption process is completed and the regulations are in place.

Introductory packets of the redesigned temporary placards (see Exhibit D) along with instructions will be distributed to your police department prior to the August 1, 2013 rollout. Beginning on that date, only the redesigned placards may be issued by the Chief of Police and any inventory of the old design will need to be returned to the MVC as per the instructions in the packet.

**Exhibit A**



**Exhibit B**



**Exhibit C**



**Exhibit D - Front**



**Exhibit D - Back**

