

1 **Disabled Parking Permit Amendments**  
 2026 GENERAL SESSION  
 STATE OF UTAH  
**Chief Sponsor: Trevor Lee**  
 Senate Sponsor:

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

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

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

- 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 None

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
- 30 visible from a passing vehicle; and

- 31            ~~[(ii)]~~ (B) a clearly marked access aisle, if provided, that is adjacent to and  
32            considered part of the parking space~~[-]~~ ; and
- 33            (ii) an individual with a disability or an expectant mother may use for parking, in  
34            accordance with the requirements of this part.
- 35            (b) "Expectant mother" means an individual who is pregnant, as confirmed by a  
36            physician.
- 37            (c) "Physician" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-1a-420.
- 38            ~~[(b)]~~ (d) "Temporary wheelchair user placard" means the same as that term is defined in  
39            Section 41-1a-420.
- 40            ~~[(e)]~~ (e) "Van accessible parking space" means an accessible parking space that is  
41            marked for use by a qualifying ~~[person-]~~ individual with a walking disability who has  
42            a temporary wheelchair user placard or a wheelchair user placard and includes:
- 43            (i) vertical signage with the international symbol of accessibility and the words "van  
44            accessible" that is visible from a passing vehicle; and
- 45            (ii) a clearly marked access aisle that is adjacent to and considered part of the parking  
46            space.
- 47            ~~[(d)]~~ (f) "Walking disability" means a physical disability that requires the use of a  
48            walking-assistive device or wheelchair or similar low-powered motorized or  
49            mechanically propelled vehicle that is specifically designed to assist ~~[a person-]~~ an  
50            individual who has a limited or impaired ability to walk.
- 51            ~~[(e)]~~ (g) "Wheelchair user placard" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
52            41-1a-420.
- 53            (2) Except in parking areas designated for emergency use, ~~[a person-]~~ an individual with a  
54            disability, qualifying under rules made in accordance with Section 41-1a-420, may park  
55            an appropriately marked vehicle for reasonable periods without charge in metered  
56            parking zones and restricted parking areas, in a manner that allows proper access to the  
57            vehicle by the ~~[person-]~~ individual with a disability.
- 58            (3) The division shall create a temporary, removable windshield parking placard for an  
59            expectant mother.
- 60            (4)(a) The division shall provide for the design, size, color, and placement of the  
61            expectant mother parking placard described in Subsection (3).
- 62            (b) The placard shall be designed to conspicuously display:
- 63            (i) the expiration date of the permit; and
- 64            (ii) the following statement, in bold, "An expectant mother parking placard may be

65 issued only to an expectant mother and is valid for up to one year after the date of  
 66 issuance."

67 (5) The division shall issue an expectant mother windshield placard to an applicant who:

68 (a) is an expectant mother;

69 (b) completes an application as required under this section; and

70 (c) pays a \$15 application fee.

71 (6) An application for a placard described in Subsection (3) shall include:

72 (a) a certification by a physician that the applicant is an expectant mother;

73 (b) the certifying physician's name and address;

74 (c) the signatures of:

75 (i) the certifying physician;

76 (ii) the applicant; and

77 (iii) the representative of the division processing the application.

78 [(3)] (7)(a)(i) Only those vehicles carrying:

79 (A) [-a person-] an individual with a disability special group license plate[-];

80 (B) [-] a temporary removable windshield placard[-] described in this section; or

81 (C) [-or-] a removable windshield placard; and

82 (ii) Vehicles transporting a qualifying [person-] individual with a disability or an  
 83 expectant mother may park in an accessible parking space.

84 (b) A violation of Subsection [(3)(a)-] (7)(a) is a class C misdemeanor.

85 (c) [A person] An individual described in Subsection [(3)(a)-] (7)(a) is encouraged to  
 86 avoid parking in a van accessible parking space unless:

87 (i) the [person-] individual has a walking disability and has a temporary wheelchair  
 88 user placard;

89 (ii) the [person-] individual has a wheelchair user placard; or

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

92 [(4)] (8) This section applies to and may be enforced on public property and on private  
 93 property that is used or intended for use by the public.

94 [(5)] (9) The parking privileges granted by this section also apply to vehicles displaying [a  
 95 person-] an individual with a:

96 (a) disability special group license plate[-];

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

98 (c) removable windshield placard issued by another jurisdiction if displayed on a vehicle

99 being used by ~~[a person]~~ an individual with a disability.

100 ~~[(6)]~~ (10) In addition to required accessible parking spaces, a person may provide and  
101 designate parking spaces for veterans and service members, including those with a  
102 disability.

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

104 **41-6a-217 . Volunteers may be authorized to enforce certain parking provisions.**

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

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

109 (b) any municipal or county accessible parking privileges ordinance for ~~[a person]~~ an  
110 individual with a disability; or

111 (c) the provisions of Subsection 41-6a-1307(4) related to parking in a school bus parking  
112 zone.

113 (2) A volunteer appointed under this section must be at least 21 years of age.

114 (3) The law enforcement agency appointing a volunteer may establish any other  
115 qualification for the volunteer that the agency finds desirable.

116 (4) A volunteer may not issue citations until the volunteer has received training from the  
117 appointing law enforcement agency.

118 (5) A citation issued by a volunteer under this section has the same force and effect as a  
119 citation issued by a peace officer for the same offense.

120 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

121 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.