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STATE OF MICHIGAN
88TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 1996

Introduced by Senator Conroy

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 758

AN ACT to amend section 19a of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," as amended by Act No. 432 of the Public Acts of 1994, being section 257.19a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Section 19a of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended by Act No. 432 of the Public Acts of 1994, being section 257.19a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 19a. "Handicapper" means a person who is determined by a physician or an optometrist as specifically provided in this section licensed to practice in this state to have 1 or more of the following physical characteristics:

- (a) Blindness as determined by an optometrist or a physician.
- (b) Inability to walk more than 200 feet without having to stop and rest.
- (c) Inability to do both of the following:
 - (i) Use 1 or both legs or feet.
 - (ii) Walk without the use of a wheelchair, walker, crutch, brace, prosthetic, or other device, or without the assistance of another person.
- (d) A lung disease from which the person's forced expiratory volume for 1 second, when measured by spirometry, is less than 1 liter, or from which the person's arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm/hg of room air at rest.
- (e) A cardiovascular condition that causes the person to measure between 3 and 4 on the New York heart classification scale, or that renders the person incapable of meeting a minimum standard for cardiovascular health that is established by the American heart association and approved by the department of public health.
- (f) An arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition that severely limits the person's ability to walk.
- (g) The persistent reliance upon an oxygen source other than ordinary air.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Secretary of the Senate.

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved -----

Governor.