

New "Van Accessible" parking decal available at revenue offices throughout the state

Decal is required for vehicles parked in van-accessible parking

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (November 8, 2017)- Beginning November 13, 2017, a new "Van Accessible" parking decal will be available at revenue offices throughout the state for Arkansans who use a mobility device. The decal is made available through Act 799 of the 2017 Arkansas legislative session. Sponsored by State Rep. Andy Mayberry (R- Hensley), the legislation is known as "The Van Accessible Parking Act."

The decal is an addition to an existing license plate or hang tag for those with a disability. There is no fee for the decal but a doctor's form, which can be found at dfa.arkansas.gov, must be submitted at the revenue office.

The decal will allow law enforcement to confirm a vehicle in the "Van Accessible" space is parked legally.

"It's important to note that we haven't changed Arkansas law regarding who is eligible to park in a van accessible space. This decal will simply make it easier for law enforcement personnel to recognize when a car, truck or van is parked illegally. Hopefully, this will result in increased enforcement and fewer violations," said Rep. Mayberry. "Being able to get into and out of your vehicle is vitally important to independence so a person can work, shop, go to doctor's appointments, and participate in a variety of other everyday activities."

Many parking lots have one or limited "van accessible" parking spots available. This legislation was created to ensure this space is utilized by an authorized vehicle, allowing those using a mobility device the space needed to effectively enter and exit the property.

The need for this decal was highlighted by the Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission's Accessible Parking Task Force, which worked with Rep. Mayberry to develop the legislation.

"This law is very simple, to be eligible for a decal for your vehicle or placard you must be an individual that meets the requirements for a mobility device as defined by the law," said Barry Vuletich, a member of Accessible Parking Task Force. "All others are not eligible. This will assist with law enforcement to identify violations."

Act 799 defines a mobility device as a wheelchair, a three or four-wheeled scooter, a four-wheeled walker with a seat or a similar device.

While the decal is available in mid-November, Act 799 declares the date for law enforcement to begin formal enforcement is January 1, 2019.

For questions or more information, please call the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration's Motor Vehicle Division at 501-682-4692.

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**STATE OF ARKANSAS
VEHICLE OWNER'S APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF VAN ACCESSIBLE DECAL
PHYSICIAN OR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE CERTIFICATION**

TO BE COMPLETED BY A PHYSICIAN	
Name of Physician or Advanced Registered Nurse (Print of Type):	
Medical License Number:	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
I hereby certify that the applicant below has limited or no use of his or her legs.	
Signature Authority:	Date:

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT				
Vehicles qualified to display special decal are as follows: Passenger Vehicles, 1 ton trucks and vans as rated by the manufacturer which are used only for personal transportation, light trucks and vans ½ and ¾ ton as rated by the manufacturer.				
Please indicate where the special decal will be affixed by checking the appropriate Box:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Placard Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Plate Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Plate and Placard		
<small>(Vehicle Description not applicable)</small>	<small>(Complete Vehicle Description)</small>	<small>(Complete Vehicle Description)</small>		
VEHICLE DESCRIPTION				
License No	VIN	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL
I hereby certify that as the occupant of the above described vehicle, I am qualified to display the special decal authorized under Arkansas Code 27-15-302, which states that a designated special decal to be affixed to a special license plate, special certificate, or temporary special certificate and displayed on a vehicle that is used to transport a person who has limited or no use of his or her legs; and used to transport a wheelchair, a three-wheeled or four-wheeled scooter, a four-wheeled walker with a seat , or a similar device.				
Applicant's Signature:			Date:	
Applicant's Address				
City, State, Zip				

REVENUE OFFICE USE ONLY:	Special Van Accessible Decal Number
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