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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2093

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-15-304 TO ALLOW A  
PREGNANT WOMAN WHO IS IN HER THIRD TRIMESTER OF  
PREGNANCY TO OBTAIN A TEMPORARY SPECIAL CERTIFICATE  
FOR DISABLED PARKING PRIVILEGES; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES. "

## Subtitle

"AN ACT TO ALLOW A PREGNANT WOMAN WHO IS  
IN HER THIRD TRIMESTER OF PREGNANCY TO  
OBTAIN A TEMPORARY SPECIAL CERTIFICATE  
FOR DISABLED PARKING PRIVILEGES. "

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-15-304 is amended to read as follows:

"27-15-304. Temporary special certificate.

(a) (1) A person with a disability, which, as determined by a licensed  
physician is temporary in nature as opposed to permanent, may apply to the  
office for a temporary person with a disability special certificate, and, upon  
request, one (1) additional temporary special certificate. Provided further,  
that a person to whom has been issued a special license plate or a special  
certificate may obtain one (1) temporary special certificate. The intent  
herein being to provide any person with a disability at least one (1), but not  
more than two (2), special indicia authorizing the use of parking spaces  
reserved exclusively for persons with disabilities.

(2) A woman who is in her third trimester of pregnancy, as  
determined by an obstetrician, may apply to the office for a temporary special

1 certificate, allowing the same privileges as the temporary special certificate  
2 provided for in subdivision (a)(1). Upon request, the person may receive one  
3 (1) additional temporary special certificate.

4 (b) The temporary special certificate shall conform in size, color, and  
5 construction as may be specified by federal rules issued by the United States  
6 Secretary of Transportation, pursuant to Public Law 100-641.

7 (c) When the temporary special certificate is displayed on the inside  
8 rearview mirror, or the dashboard if the vehicle is of a type that does not  
9 have an inside rearview mirror, of a vehicle described in § 27-15-303 that is  
10 transporting the person to whom the temporary special certificate was issued,  
11 the owner or operator of the motor vehicle shall be entitled to the same  
12 parking privileges as the owner or operator of a vehicle bearing a special  
13 license plate provided under § 27-15-308(a).

14 (d) The temporary special certificate shall be issued free of charge  
15 and shall expire three (3) months from the last day of the month in which it  
16 is issued. However, a temporary special certificate issued to a pregnant  
17 woman under subdivision (a)(2) shall expire four (4) months from the last day  
18 of the month in which it is issued."

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20 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
21 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
22 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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24 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
25 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
26 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
27 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
28 act are declared to be severable.

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30 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
31 hereby repealed.