

Chairman Evan P. Shanley
House Committee on Corporations
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman-Shanley and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my support for **H 7308**, which would provide for specialized license plates for vehicles that require modifications to be accessible for individuals with disabilities.

I am a board member for a nonprofit called **RAMP**; Real Access Motivates Progress and I advocate for mobility uses and accessibility.

The proposed bill would provide a layer of benefits for mobility users.

- 1) The ability to park in designated accessible parking spaces without the need for a placard
- 2) Exemption from certain vehicle size requirements
- 3) Use of areas where additional space is needed for ramps

Having a specialized plate would also help my family directly.

I understand that the bill language does not include for other reasons for having a disability placard...

However, please note my carry over objections....

The plastic placard that hangs on the rear-view mirror; often breaks or gets stuck behind the mirror.... Making it a task to keep removing.
My family had to resort to keeping it on the mirror at all times.

This bill passed would also benefit my family...

My 16yr daughter with Autism and other developmental disabilities, that include toe walking.

This bill also, aims to provide a seem-less system in place having the specialized license plate.

The placard has to be renewed with our pediatrician, a trip to the DMV or replaced as it brakes often.

One less thing we would have to worry about... in a world that requires advocacy for everything.

I appreciate that this bill recognizes the unique needs of individuals with disabilities and provides a solution that is recognized in all **50 states**. The specialized plate would be clearly visible to parking attendants, making it easier for my family and others to have access accessible parking.

I strongly urge the passage of
H 7308.

Thank you for presenting this bill to help the people of Rhode Island that use mobility aids/Wheelchairs and disabilities to have a specialized license plate.

Warmly,
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