**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**H. 3842**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Lowe, Willis, Caskey, Wooten, Rose, Huff, Sanders and Duncan

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Summary: Medical authorization of handicap placards

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 1/30/2025 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 32)

 1/30/2025 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** (House Journal‑page 32)

 2/26/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Willis,
 Caskey, Wooten, Rose, Huff

 2/27/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Sanders,
 Duncan

 3/20/2025 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** (House Journal‑page 10)

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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Committee Report

March 20, 2025

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The committee on House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3842) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding Section 40‑45‑285 so as to provide physical therapists may certify that an individual is handicapped and declare, etc., respectfully

Report:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-45-285 and inserting:

 Section 40‑45‑285. A physical therapist may certify that an individual is handicapped and declare that the handicap is temporary or permanent for purposes of the individual’s application for a handicapped placard.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

S.H. DAVIS for Committee.

statement of estimated fiscal impact

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill allows a physical therapist to certify that an individual is handicapped and declare whether the handicap is temporary or permanent for purposes of the individual’s application for a handicapped placard.

The bill charges DMV with additional responsibilities that the agency can accomplish with existing staff and resources. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact to DMV.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40‑45‑285 SO AS TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS MAY CERTIFY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS HANDICAPPED AND DECLARE THAT THE HANDICAP IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE INDIVIDUAL’S APPLICATION FOR A HANDICAPPED PLACARD.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 45, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 40‑45‑285. A physical therapist may certify that an individual is handicapped and declare that the handicap is temporary or permanent for purposes of the individual’s application for a handicapped placard.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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