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Albany, New York

April 17, 2015

TO: All Law Enforcement and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Chapter 90 of the Laws of 2014 – Changes to Certain Signage Related to
Access for the Disabled

Effective November 22, 2014, Chapter 190 of the Laws of 2014 amends the Executive Law by adding a new section 101 to require the following changes:

1. The word “handicapped” must be removed from any new signs or signs being replaced, or other means of communication where it currently appears.
2. The Department of State will create a new universal symbol of access, which will depict a figure of a person leaning forward in a wheelchair portraying a sense of movement. Any new signs related to accessibility for the disabled must depict the new universal symbol of access. Also, whenever an existing sign with the current universal symbol of access must be replaced, the new sign must depict the new symbol.

The parking permits for the disabled have been revised to include the new universal symbol of access. Permits with the previous symbol are still valid and should be used until the stock is depleted.

All enforcement agencies have been notified that the symbol has changed, and that there will be a mix of parking permits with the previous symbol and with the new symbol until the stock with the previous symbol is depleted.

A copy of Chapter 190 and samples of the permit and the new universal symbol of access are attached for reference.

Please share this information with appropriate personnel. Thank you.

J. David Sampson
Executive Deputy Commissioner

Attachments

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 2014

CHAPTER 190

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to certain signs relating to accessibility and related rules and regulations

Became a law July 25, 2014, with the approval of the Governor.

Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 101 to read as follows:

§ 101. Accessibility, rules and regulations. 1. The secretary of state, in consultation with any other state agency he or she deems necessary, shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to remove the word "handicapped" from any signs or other means of communication where such word appears.

2. The secretary of state, in consultation with any other state agency he or she deems necessary, shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to require that wherever the current universal symbol of access of a figure in a wheelchair appears, such symbol shall instead depict a logo with a dynamic character leaning forward with a sense of movement. Such logo shall be readily identifiable, simply designed with no secondary meaning, and provide for equivalent facilitation and accessibility as the current universal symbol of access. The provisions of this subdivision shall only apply to any new signs being installed or replaced on and after the effective date of this section.

§ 2. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph (b) of subdivision 20 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 242 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The universal handicapped symbol shall be conspicuously displayed on the exterior of every omnibus equipped with a wheelchair lift which transports children with disabilities. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations regarding the size and location of such universal handicapped symbol. **The commissioner shall require that any new signage relating to accessibility installed or replaced on or after the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand fourteen which amended this subparagraph depict the logo promulgated by the secretary of state pursuant to section one hundred one of the executive law.**

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in **italics** is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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The Legislature of the STATE OF NEW YORK **ss:**

Pursuant to the authority vested in us by section 70-b of the Public Officers Law, we hereby jointly certify that this slip copy of this session law was printed under our direction and, in accordance with such section, is entitled to be read into evidence.

DEAN G. SKELOS

Temporary President of the Senate

SHELDON SILVER

Speaker of the Assembly



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