

Maintenance Memorandum

Date: September 23, 1987

Subject: **Handicapped Parking**

Governor Blanchard recently received a letter from a citizen, who was allegedly harassed by the attendant at one of our rest areas because they did not have a handicap license plate. The letter went to the Michigan Department of State and we received a copy of their response clarifying the requirements.

We have prepared a notice that should be posted on the bulletin board in the utility room at all of our rest areas so the rest area attendants will have the information.

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ATTENDANTS OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REST AREAS

There has been some confusion about the use of handicap parking spaces at rest areas.

The Secretary of State's office has provided us with the following information:

1. A handicap parking permit is issued to an individual and can be used in any vehicle in which the handicapped person is a passenger.
2. A handicap license plate can be purchased for a specific vehicle by a handicapped person, but cannot be transferred to any other vehicle.
3. The law does not require a handicap license plate - a permit is sufficient to use in a handicap reserved area. The permit should be displayed in the car windshield.

There are some handicapped individuals whose handicap may not be obvious (persons with heart disease, for example). These people should have a parking permit, but in general, we do not want rest area attendants questioning people using the handicap parking spaces. Instead, if there is suspected illegal use of parking privileges, you should ask the local law enforcement agency to investigate. Be sure to obtain a license plate number.

If you were to say anything at all, it should be limited to, "In the future, please have your handicap license plate or parking permit on/or in the vehicle."