

# City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER 1983-43

No. 5637 **AN ORDINANCE** GRANTING A TAX EXEMPTION OF \$3,000.00 TO OWNERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES EQUIPPED FOR THE HANDICAPPED, AS AMENDED.

Approved August 26, 1983

### *Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION 1. (a) The City Council of the City of Providence is hereby authorized to grant an exemption of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) from the excise tax on motor vehicles to any person who owns a motor vehicle which has been specially equipped for use by handicapped persons.

(b) Such exemption shall be granted upon the submission of an affidavit from the applicant's physician that he or she is a paraplegic or suffers from paraplegia.

(c) No person shall be entitled to any such exemption in any year unless he or she shall have completed an application form to be provided by the City Assessor. Each application shall be sworn to by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

(d) This exemption shall apply only to drivers with so-called "E" drivers license in whose name the exempted automobile shall be registered and no more than one exemption shall be granted to any individual.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its Passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL

AUG 4 1983  
FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED, as amended

*Przem Mendonca* CLERK

IN CITY  
COUNCIL

AUG 18 1983

FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED

*John H. Kelly*  
PRESIDENT

*Przem Mendonca*  
CLERK

APPROVED

AUG 26 1983

*Vincenza Cianci*  
MAYOR

No.

CHAPTER  
AN ORDINANCE

**THE COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCE**

**Approves Passage of  
The Within Ordinance, as amended**

*Robert Mendoza*  
Chairman

July 25, 1983

Councilman Dillon (By Request)

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ACTING CITY CLERK  
JOHN ROTONDI JR.  
CHARLES A. PISATURO



MAYOR  
VINCENT A. CIANCI

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LAW DEPARTMENT

February 28, 1983

Jack Sheehan  
Administrative Aid to City Council  
c/o City Clerk's Office  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

Enclosed please find a draft of the ordinance you requested regarding tax exemption on motor vehicles used by handicapped persons. I have also enclosed copies of R.I.G.L. §44-18-30 (sales tax exemptions) and 31-28-4 et seq., (parking privileges for handicapped).

One problem I have not dealt with is the type of proof of disability the City Council will require (for example, see Providence Code of Ordinances §21-112). Please note that R.I.G.L. §45-18-30(t) requires the car buyer to obtain a doctor's certification that he is paraplegic. If this were also required by the ordinance, this would not help those handicapped persons who are not the owners of the specially equipped motor vehicles.

Very truly yours,

*Elizabeth M. Emma*

Elizabeth M. Emma,  
Paralegal

EME/smr

Enclosure: (1)

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ORDINANCE

The City Council of the City of Providence is hereby authorized to grant a three thousand dollar (\$3,000.00) exemption from the tax on motor vehicles for motor vehicles which are specially equipped for use by handicapped persons.

Such <sup>exemption</sup> ~~application~~ shall be granted upon proof that:

1. The applicant has received an exemption from the payment of State sales tax on said motor vehicle, or
2. The applicant has been issued special license plates for handicapped persons by the Registry of Motor Vehicles of the State of Rhode Island.

EME/smr

City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 6, 1983  
TO: Charles A. Pisaturo, City Solicitor  
SUBJECT: ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO TAX EXEMPTIONS  
CONSIDERED BY: Rose M. Mendonca, City Clerk

DISPOSITION: I have been requested by Councilman Dillon to transmit the attached communication from Ms. Emma, draft of an Ordinance and copies of State Law relative to tax exemptions on motor vehicles used by handicapped persons.

Councilman Dillon has requested that as the drafted Ordinance is incomplete, the information be referred to you and that you submit the necessary Ordinance to my department for presentation to the City Council.

City Clerk

City of Providence



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Department of City Clerk

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

April 27, 1983

TO:

Jerome I. Baron, Finance Director

SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR FISCAL NOTE

CONSIDERED BY:

Councilwoman Carolyn F. Brassil, Chairwoman - Committee on  
Finance

DISPOSITION:

Accompanying is Ordinance Relative to exemptions  
for Handicapped.

The Committee requests a fiscal note prior to any  
action being taken.

City Clerk

THEODORE C. LITTLER  
CITY ASSESSOR



VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
MAYOR

FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
CITY ASSESSOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: JEROME T. BARON, FINANCE DIRECTOR  
FROM: THEODORE C. LITTLER, CITY ASSESSOR  
DATE: MAY 19, 1983  
RE: TAX EXEMPTION FOR HANDICAPPED

*Pursuant to our memorandum to you of May 2, 1983 regarding the proposed exemption allowing those driving motor vehicles specially equipped an exemption of \$3,000 on their excise tax bills, we have been informed by the Registry of Motor Vehicles that they are unable to determine the number of individuals so classified.*

*It is our opinion however that this would be a very limited number inasmuch as it would not be granted to all those with "handicapped" or "parking privilege" plates, but rather only to those that required specially equipped motor vehicles.*

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THEODORE C. LITTLER  
CITY ASSESSOR



VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
MAYOR

FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
CITY ASSESSOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: JEROME I. BARON, FINANCE DIRECTOR  
FROM: THEODORE C. LITTLER, CITY ASSESSOR  
DATE: MAY 2, 1983  
RE: TAX EXEMPTION FOR HANDICAPPED

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ASSESSORS OFFICE  
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

With regard to the proposed new exemption for those individuals who have "motor vehicles specially equipped for use by handicapped", I would like to recommend the following:

Paragraph (b) be replaced with the requirement that the applicant submit a copy of his/her driver's license listing a "G" or "E" classification. The Registry of Motor Vehicles informs us that a "G" code allows the driver to drive a vehicle with special handicapped equipment, and that "E" requires hand controls. This would seem easier for the department to administer this new exemption if it were enacted rather than for us to determine what a physician might actually be saying.

Section 2 should be changed to reflect passage as of December 31, 1983. We are in the process of finalizing the 1983 tax roll now; any new exemptions would have to be applied after the fact, by certificate.

We have contacted the Registry to attempt to determine the impact of this bill. As of this writing we do not know how many people would be involved as they do not have any records breaking out these "E" and "G" code restrictions. They have advised us that they will attempt to obtain this information--however, any records would be State-wide and limitations to Providence could only be estimated. Such information will be forwarded as soon as received.

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