

1 [Urging the State of California to amend the Vehicle Code regarding disabled parking
2 placards.]

3 **Resolution urging the State of California to amend the Vehicle Code to raise fines for**
4 **counterfeit or misuse of disabled parking placards, strengthen criteria for disabled**
5 **parking placards eligibility, and requiring photo identification of disabled placard user**
6 **on placard.**

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8 WHEREAS, According to statistics provided by the SF MTA, at any give time 22% of
9 metered parking spaces in San Francisco are occupied by cars with disabled parking
10 placards; and,

11 WHEREAS, According to recent press articles one out of five disabled parking placard
12 users is using the privilege illegally; and,

13 WHEREAS, The hanging disabled parking placards are easily and regularly transferred
14 between cars, friends and family members who aren't qualified to use them, and,

15 WHEREAS, A Civil Grand Jury Report released July 9, 2007, made a series of
16 recommendations to reduce disabled parking placard abuse; and,

17 WHEREAS, Those recommendations have, for the most part, been ignored instead of
18 implemented; and,

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco's efforts toward curtailing parking placard violations have
20 been hindered at the State level by a limit on fines; and,

21 WHEREAS, While 50,700 San Francisco drivers legally use disabled parking placards
22 and park without charge or time limits every day, the thousands who use the placards illegally
23 are contributing to a considerable drop in parking meter revenue, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the State of California
2 to amend the Vehicle Code to raise the fine for counterfeit or misuse of disabled parking
3 placards to \$1000; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the State
5 Of California to create more stringent criteria for medical professionals to use to determine
6 eligibility for disabled parking placards; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State study the feasibility of including photo
8 identification on the disabled parking placards to aid parking control officers in determining
9 placard abuse, misuse or counterfeiting; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City agencies identified in the 2007 Civil Grand Jury
11 Report follow the recommendations listed therein.

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