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COMMITTEE: Health and Mental Health			
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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65102
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: MARIA LINDBERGH		PHONE NUMBER: 816-721-3034	
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am Opposed to this Bill. I believe that "Handicap Parking Placards" should be Prescribed by Medical Doctors.



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WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 1827 is not a disability-access bill.

It is a compliance-expansion and enforcement bill that shifts Missouri from accommodation to suspicion.

This legislation dramatically expands documentation requirements, inspection authority, and punitive mechanisms directed at disabled Missourians and their medical providers—without demonstrating a compelling state interest or narrowly tailored justification.

The bill requires physicians and other authorized health care practitioners to maintain enhanced documentation “sufficient to objectively confirm” disability, while simultaneously authorizing licensing -board inspection of medical records connected to disabled placard issuance.

That combination is not benign.

It creates a chilling effect on certification, intrudes into protected medical decision-making, and risks selective enforcement against providers serving high-need populations.

Under the Missouri Constitution, Art. I, §10 protects the right to privacy and security in personal medical information. The expansion of inspection authority here is not accompanied by clear limits, due-process safeguards, or a demonstrated necessity tied to actual fraud data.

HB 1827 further escalates criminal penalties—up to Class A misdemeanors—for paperwork and certification errors, while authorizing the Department of Revenue to compel re-examinations and investigations of disabled individuals.

That power is broad, discretionary, and ripe for uneven application.

Notably, the bill also tightens renewal cycles, increases verification burdens, and places additional compliance duties on elderly and permanently disabled individuals—groups already protected under both state and federal disability law.

Administrative convenience is not a constitutionally sufficient reason to burden a protected class.

If fraud prevention were the true objective, this bill would target fraudulent conduct directly through

audits and enforcement against proven misuse.

Instead, HB 1827 imposes preemptive suspicion on disabled people themselves, shifting the cost of enforcement onto those least able to absorb it.

Missouri law recognizes disability access as a civil right, not a conditional privilege subject to escalating scrutiny. This bill moves in the opposite direction—toward gatekeeping, deterrence, and punishment.

Accommodation should not come with a presumption of abuse.

Access should not require surveillance.

And disability rights should not be eroded under the guise of administrative “clarity.”

Missouri should not be in the business of making disabled residents prove—again and again—that they are worthy of access.

HB 1827 does not expand opportunity. It expands paperwork, surveillance, and punishment, while calling it “clarification.”