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Hogan votes to safeguard against handicapped parking fraud

BOSTON- Representative Kate Hogan joined her colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in voting to pass legislation that authorizes the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) to investigate charges that someone has falsely obtained, or is falsely using, a handicapped parking placard or license plate. It also allows the RMV to require documentation when determining if an applicant is eligible for a handicapped placard or plate.

“Improper use of handicapped parking placards and plates prevents those with disabilities from accessing the parking they need, and is just plain wrong,” said Representative Kate Hogan (D-Stow). “This important measure will crack down on fraudulent practices to ensure our truly disabled residents aren’t placed in unnecessary danger or discomfort because all of the handicapped parking spaces are already taken.”

A 2016 report by Inspector General Glenn Cunha revealed widespread abuse of handicapped placards. Among its findings, the report states that over a 34-day surveillance period, more than 300 cars parked in four neighborhoods of Boston were identified as using special parking identification placards belonging to someone other than the vehicle owner.

This bill creates fines for intentionally making false statements to obtain a handicapped plate or placard: \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

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Representative Kate Hogan

Representative Kate Hogan represents the Third Middlesex District, which includes the towns of Bolton, Hudson, Maynard, and Stow. She currently serves as the House Chair on the Joint Committee on Public Health. She also serves as Chair of the Library Legislative Caucus and Co-Chair of the Legislature’s Elder Caucus. Rep. Hogan can be reached by phone at 617-722-2130 or by email at Kate.Hogan@MAhouse.gov. You can also connect with Rep. Hogan on Facebook ([facebook.com/kate.hogan.948](https://www.facebook.com/kate.hogan.948)) or Twitter (@repkatehogan).



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