

LEGAL NOTICE

If you paid a fee for a blue parking placard for persons with permanent disabilities, you could get reimbursed from a class action settlement.

A settlement has been proposed in a class action lawsuit about the fees charged purchasers of blue parking placard for persons with permanent disabilities. The settlement will provide \$20,200,216.17 to reimburse fees paid, to pay the costs and expenses of administration, and to pay the costs and expenses of litigation, excluding attorneys fees. If you qualify, you may send in a claim form to get reimbursed, or you can exclude yourself from the settlement, or you can object to the settlement. If you chose not to file a claim and do not exclude yourself, you will be considered a Class Member and the monies held for your reimbursement will constitute unclaimed funds, one-half of which shall be paid to organizations for the purpose of serving an indirect benefit to persons with disabilities with one-half amount being returned to the State of Texas.

The United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division, authorized this notice. Before any money is paid for reimbursement, the Court will have a hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement.

Who's Included?

You are a Class Member and could get reimbursed if you purchased a blue parking placard at any time between August 11, 1995 and July 7, 2008.

What's this About?

The lawsuit claimed the State of Texas \$5.00 fee for a blue parking placard utilized by persons with permanent disabilities violates federal law. On July 7, 2008 a Federal Judge decided the fee was illegal and directed the parties to meet to discuss reimbursement to Class Members. The parties met and developed the plan described in this Legal Notice.

What Does the Settlement Provide?

The state of Texas will provide \$20,200,816.17 to a Settlement Fund to be divided among all Class Members who send in a valid claim form. Your share of the fund will depend on the number of valid claim forms Class Members submit but will not exceed the amount you actually paid.

Representatives Plaintiff's and Class Counsel believe reimbursement to Class Members will equal 85% to 100% of the money paid by Class Members. Access www.texasplacardfees.com to view the Settlement Agreement and to initiate your claim electronically.

How Do You Ask For a Payment?

A detailed notice and claim form package contains everything you need. Just visit the website below to get one. To qualify and receive a reimbursement, you must send in a claim form. **Claim forms are due by February 28, 2010.**

What Are Your Other Options?

If you do not want to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself by January 24, 2010, or you won't be able to sue regarding the legal claims in this case. If you exclude yourself, you can't get reimbursed from this settlement. If you stay in the settlement, you may object to it by January 29, 2010. The Settlement Agreement available on the website explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing in this case (*Meyers, et al. v. State of Texas, et al.* Case No. A-00-CA-430-SS) on January 29, 2010, to consider whether to approve the settlement and to consider a request by attorneys representing all Class Members (Skelton & Woody, of Austin, Texas; Peterson & Myers, P.A., of Lakeland, Florida; and Robert G. Fegers, P.L., of Winter Haven, Florida) for up to \$3,900,000.00 in attorneys' fees, for investigating the facts, litigating the case since 1997, and negotiating the settlement. The attorneys' fees will not reduce the Settlement Fund and will be paid separately by the State. You may ask to appear at the hearing, but you don't have to. For more information, visit www.texasplacardfees.com, or write to Parking Placard Settlement, Class Counsel, Skelton & Woody, Post Office Box 1609, Austin, Texas 78767-1609 or contact the Call Center at 1-866-814-5419.