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Senate Bill 212

(Senator Edwards, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Environmental Matters

Vehicle Laws - Registration Plates for Motorcycles - Individuals with Disabilities

This bill specifies that an individual with disabilities may possess two valid special registrations for motorcycles in addition to possessing special registration and parking placards for disabilities for vehicles other than motorcycles.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by about \$40,000 in FY 2014 only for the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to contract with an outside vendor for computer programming changes to the Disability Permitting System. TTF revenues may increase negligibly to the extent that MVA charges a \$20 substitute or replacement tag fee for each additional special disability registration issued.

| (in dollars) | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
|----------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenues | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| SF Expenditure | 40,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Effect | (\$40,000) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect local operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: MVA may provide a special disability registration number and plates to the owner of a vehicle who submits satisfactory proof of specified physical disabilities. A certified nurse practitioner or a licensed physician, chiropractor, optometrist, or

podiatrist must certify that the vehicle owner has a cardiovascular, lung, ambulatory, visual, or other specified disability in accordance with the Maryland Vehicle Law.

The holder of special disability registration plates is afforded specified parking privileges including the authorization to generally park for unlimited periods in parking zones restricted as to the length of parking time permitted.

MVA may not accept an application for special disability registration from an applicant who already possesses either one valid special registration or two parking placards. However, MVA may issue one registration plate and one placard to the same applicant. Likewise, an applicant who does not possess a registration plate may be issued two placards. The limit on the possession of special registrations and parking placards includes special registrations and placards for motorcycles.

State Revenues: MVA advises that only 198 motorcycle owners have a special disability registration. Thus, to the extent that MVA charges a substitute/replacement tag fee of \$20 for an additional registration under the bill, even if all 198 motorcycle owners seek two additional registrations, TTF revenues increase by only \$7,920. However, it is unclear whether a significant number of motorcycle owners would request additional special disability registrations.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 772 of 2012 received a hearing by the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, but no further action was taken. Its cross file, HB 825, passed the House but received no further action from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Cross File: HB 374 (Delegate Malone, *et al.*) - Environmental Matters.

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