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House Bill 471 (Delegate Zirkin)

Commerce and Government Matters

Parking Access - Persons with Disabilities - Proof of Disability

This bill includes a person's driver's license that displays a special disability endorsement as acceptable proof that parking privileges are being utilized by a person with a disability.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures to place special disability endorsements on driver's licenses and for computer programming.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A person using parking privileges reserved for those with disabilities must have in their possession identification issued by the MVA as proof that parking privileges are being utilized by a person with a disability.

State Expenditures: The MVA is replacing its automated driver's licensing system. The new system is likely to be operational in 2001. Adding the special disability endorsement to the template for a driver's license could be accomplished at no additional cost when the system is replaced. However, in order to adhere to the bill's requirements prior to the replacement of the new system, the MVA will place stickers on the licenses of those wishing to have the special disability endorsement. Stickers are expected to cost approximately \$16 per 1,000 stickers. There are approximately 250,000 individuals with special registration plates or stickers that would qualify for the endorsement.

The MVA advises that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$8,000 to modify the computer programs to track those who have been issued stickers. The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) advises that if other legislation is passed requiring computer reprogramming changes, economies of scale could be realized. This would reduce computer programming costs associated with this bill and other legislation affecting the MVA system. Further, DLS advises that the increased computer expenditure is simply an estimate and the MVA may be able to handle the changes with either less money than it estimates or existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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