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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1100

(Delegate Carlson)

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**Vehicle Laws - Parking Placard for Person With a Disability - Extension of
Expiration Date**

This bill extends the expiration deadline for a parking placard issued to a person with a disability from two years to four years.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund expenditures would decrease but the savings cannot be reliably estimated at this time. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Persons with a disability must renew their application for a parking placard every two years and provide certification of their disability at the time of renewal. Persons issued a parking placard are entitled to park in spaces designated for disabled persons and in a metered parking space for twice the period specified on the meter. They are also exempt from paying meter fees if the meter does not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) is permitted to charge a fee for the placard, but does not as a matter of practice.

State Expenditures: The MVA advises that it issues approximately 50,000 placards (includes new issuances and renewals) for permanently disabled persons annually at a

cost of approximately 87 cents per placard, which includes direct supply costs and indirect costs of contractual labor. By extending the expiration deadline, expenditures would decrease as the number of renewals declined. However, the MVA does not have data regarding the number of renewals for placards. Accordingly, the savings cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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