

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 738 (Senator Ruben)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Parking for Individuals With Disabilities - Reciprocity - District of Columbia**

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This bill prohibits an individual with a disability who has a special license plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary parking placard issued by the District of Columbia from parking for unlimited periods in restricted parking zones and requires the person to pay all parking meter fees.

The bill will remain effective until the end of the fifth day after the Department of Legislative Services receives notice from the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles that the district will recognize as valid special registration plates, removable windshield placards, and temporary parking placards issued by Maryland to State residents with disabilities.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in State general fund revenues as a result of additional parking meter fees or parking ticket fines paid by drivers with District of Columbia-issued special license plates, removable windshield placards, or temporary parking placards.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in revenues as a result of additional parking meter fees or parking ticket fines paid by drivers with District of Columbia-issued special license plates, removable windshield placards, or temporary parking placards.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** The owner of any vehicle may apply to the Motor Vehicle Administration for the assignment to that vehicle of a special disability registration number and special disability registration plates, if a licensed physician, licensed chiropractor, licensed optometrist, or licensed podiatrist certifies that the applicant, a dependent of the applicant, or any individual who depends on the applicant for transportation has a disability. An applicant may also self-certify a permanent disability under certain circumstances.

The person for whom special registration plates are issued under this section or under a similar provision of any other state or country may park for unlimited periods in restricted parking zones and is not required to pay any parking meter fees of this State or of any political subdivision of this State where parking meters do not meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Such a person may park in a parking space equipped with a parking meter only for twice the maximum time period permitted on the parking meter but not to exceed a maximum of four hours, the period permitted on the parking meter if it permits parking for more than four hours, and in a designated zone for the handicapped established at any State-owned airport.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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