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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 71 (Senators DeGrange and Jimeno)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Vehicle Laws - Van-Accessible Parking for Individuals with Disabilities -  
Restrictions**

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This bill prohibits a person from parking a motor vehicle in a space designated as “van accessible” for the use of individuals with disabilities unless: (1) the person is authorized to use the space and the vehicle bears a special registration plate or a temporary or removable placard duly issued to individuals with disabilities by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) or similarly by another state, the District of Columbia, or another country; and (2) the vehicle is capable of registration as a Class M (multipurpose) vehicle.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to the bill’s penalty provision. No effect on expenditures.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not expected to substantively affect local operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A person is prohibited from parking a motor vehicle in a space designated for the use of individuals with disabilities unless: (1) the vehicle bears a special registration plate, a removable or temporary removable placard issued by the MVA or a similar insignia issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or another

country; and (2) the person is authorized to use the privileges conferred by the plate or placard issued by the MVA, the District of Columbia, or another country. A person who parks a motor vehicle in violation of this provision is guilty of a misdemeanor, with a maximum fine of \$500. The penalty currently imposed by the District Court is \$125.

**State Revenues:** General fund revenues could increase minimally under the bill's monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the District Court.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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