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Senate Bill 14 (Senator Benson)
 Judicial Proceedings

Motor Vehicle Administration - Parking Placards - Color Photograph

This bill requires a parking placard issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to a person with a permanent disability to include a color photograph of the person to whom the parking placard is issued; the requirement does not apply to issuance of a temporary parking placard. The photograph must be taken in accordance with procedures established by MVA.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by \$175,000 in FY 2019 only for reprogramming costs. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	175,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$175,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: MVA may provide a temporary or standard parking placard to the owner of a vehicle who submits satisfactory proof of specified medical conditions. A certified nurse practitioner or a licensed physician, physician assistant, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, or physical therapist must certify that the vehicle owner has a cardiovascular,

lung, ambulatory, visual, or other specified disability in accordance with the Maryland Vehicle Law. The relevant licensing board must maintain a database that allows MVA to verify licensure.

A parking placard issued to a person with a permanent disability is valid for four years and may be renewed on an application approved by MVA.

A temporary parking placard is valid between one and six months, depending upon the recommendation of the individual certifying the disability. (If an extension is required, the individual may apply for an additional period of disability for up to six months with approval of the appropriate clinician.)

State Expenditures: MVA estimates \$175,000 in TTF expenditures in fiscal 2019 for programming changes totaling 1,170 hours to develop a new application process capable of capturing and storing photographs of individuals who do not already have a photograph on file with MVA. In addition, other programming changes are necessary to allow photographs to be moved from the driver's license system to the disability placard system. Internal programming changes totaling 200 hours can be handled with existing resources. This estimate assumes all currently held placards are not reissued with a color photograph until due for renewal.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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