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House Bill 1225 (Delegate Bhandari, *et al.*)
Environment and Transportation

**Parking for Individuals With Disabilities - Continuing Care Retirement Facility -
Time Limitation**

This bill authorizes an owner or operator of a registered continuing care retirement community (CCRC) to limit the amount of time that a motor vehicle may be parked in a space designated for the use of individuals with disabilities. However, the time limitation may not be less than 30 minutes. Any time limitation established pursuant to the bill's authorization must be indicated by signage that is clearly visible to the operator of a motor vehicle being parked in the space.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect local government finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Each parking lot that is constructed or altered after October 1, 1996, must conform to the requirements of the Maryland Accessibility Code. By October 1, 2010, all parking lots in the State were required to conform to these requirements.

Special Registration Plates and Parking Placards for Individuals with Disabilities

The Motor Vehicle Administration (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.

The holder of special disability registration plates is afforded specified parking privileges, including the authorization to generally park for unlimited periods in parking zones restricted as to the length of parking time permitted.

Continuing Care Retirement Communities

As of early 2019, the Maryland Department of Aging notes that there are 38 operating or approved CCRCs in Maryland. CCRCs (both operating and under construction) contain more than 16,000 continuing care units, of which more than 12,000 are independent living, more than 2,000 are assisted living, and more than 2,000 are nursing care.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 266 (Senator Klausmeier) - Judicial Proceedings.

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