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Senate Bill 388: Vehicle Registration – Disability Plates – Parking Meter Fees Position: Support

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Coalition is comprised of five statewide organizations that are committed to improving the opportunities and outcomes for Marylanders with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). As such, the DD Coalition supports SB388.

The bill would repeal the state law requirement that a parking meter be noncompliant with the federal American's with Disabilities Act before an individual who is issued special disability registration plates is exempted from parking meter fees.

We believe this change in law will support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who drive, or utilize specially adapted and licensed transportation from providers, to access parts of the community with metered parking, without worrying about having to download and navigate parking pay apps, or fearing parking meter time expirations/citations.

We applaud the sponsor for endeavoring to create a more welcoming community for all through this proposed revision of law.

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