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DATE: March 10, 2025

BILL: HB 1481 – Disability Services – Adapted Vehicle Access Pilot Program - Established

COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations

POSITION: Favorable with Amendments

ATTACHMENT: AMENDMENTS TO HB 1481

AMENDMENT	REASON FOR SUPPORT
Specifying that eligible individuals use “mobility aids” rather than wheelchairs.	Addresses individuals with comparable vehicle adaptation needs, including those who use scooters, crutches, walkers, or rollators instead of (or in addition to) wheelchairs.
Defining “donation” to mean “the voluntary transfer of property, services, or funds from a donor to an eligible individual or to the Program.”	Clarifies that, as appropriate, donations can be made directly between the donor and eligible individuals without the Program taking physical possession of vehicles; this minimizes delays or additional expenses associated with multiple title transfers and State inventory rules.
Replacing “solicit” with “request, apply for, and facilitate donations.”	Clarifies that the Program could facilitate property donations between donors and eligible individuals. MDOD anticipates both requesting and applying for funds/grants from public and private corporations.

