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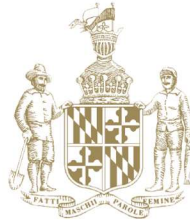
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Judicial Proceedings Committee
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Re: Primary Sponsor Written Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 0227, Motor Vehicles – Parking – Disabled Veteran Special Registration Plates

Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 0227, Motor Vehicles – Parking – Disabled Veteran Special Registration Plates. This legislation is a modest but meaningful step toward honoring Maryland's disabled veterans by establishing uniform statewide public parking standards. Disabled veterans have made extraordinary sacrifices in service to our nation. Many disabled veterans live with permanent injuries or disabilities that affect their mobility, health, and financial stability.

Senate Bill 0227 prohibits state agencies from requiring disabled veterans to pay parking fees when their vehicles display disabled veteran special registration plates. Specifically, the bill prohibits state agency-owned and state-controlled parking facilities from charging parking fees for vehicles displaying disabled veteran plates. This legislation is grounded in principles of honor, accessibility, and service. Moreover, the bill aligns with broader state objectives to 1) promote accessibility for individuals with disabilities; and 2) demonstrate tangible recognition of military service and sacrifice.

For these reasons, I request a favorable report on Senate Bill 0227. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur Ellis".

Arthur Ellis, CPA