

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Telfer, Verger, Morrisette
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/6, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires disabled parking permit applicants applying for renewal to submit a certificate from a licensed medical professional stating that the applicant is a person with a disability. Applies to issuance or renewing disabled parking permit applications submitted on or after January 1, 2010.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Examples of types of fraudulent use of disabled parking permit
- Permit holder would need to have disability re-certified by a qualified medical provider prior to renewal
- Benefits of renewal process for disabled placards
- Permits issued and valid for six months (temporary permit) or eight years at a time
- Discussion of proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds provision that the certificate verifying disability must be signed, dated and submitted by a licensed medical professional within six months preceding the date of the application. Adds requirement that the state-issued licensing number of the medical professional signing the certificate be provided.

BACKGROUND: Currently, disabled parking permits are renewed based solely on the statement by the permit holder that they are still qualified to hold the permit. Failure to ensure that only those individuals that qualify are able to renew their permit can have ramifications, including shortage of available parking spaces, pressure to restrict the privilege, lost revenue for local governments, and diminished credibility.