
Transportation Committee

SB 5957

Brief Description: Concerning the renewal of parking privileges for persons with disabilities.

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford and Mullet.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires that, upon renewal of any special parking privileges for persons with disabilities, the applicant provide a signature from a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant certifying that the applicant meets the criteria to receive such privileges.

Hearing Date: 2/24/14

Staff: Andrew Russell (786-7143).

Background:

Washington provides certain special parking privileges for persons with disabilities, including parking without charge and beyond posted time limits. To qualify for these special parking privileges, a person must apply to the Department of Licensing (DOL), and a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant must sign a declaration under the penalty of perjury, determining that the applicant has a disability that meets the statutory criteria.

If the applicant is expected to improve within six months, the DOL may issue a temporary parking placard. If the holder has not recovered at the end of the temporary period, the DOL will issue an additional temporary placard upon receipt of a new application and certification from the person's physician. Alternatively, the DOL may issue a permanent placard or special license plate to an applicant. Any permanent placard or plate must be renewed at least every five years; however, the DOL does not require that a renewal include a declaration made under the penalty of perjury regarding the holder's disability.

Summary of Bill:

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When renewing permanent parking privileges, a holder must provide a signature from a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant certifying that the applicant meets the criteria to receive such privileges.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.