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## Transportation Committee

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### HB 2003

**Brief Description:** Allowing special parking privileges for certain organizations that dispatch taxicab vehicles or vehicles for hire that transport persons with disabilities.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Kloba, Kagi, Ortiz-Self, Tarleton, McBride, Ormsby and Fey.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adds companies that dispatch taxicab vehicles or vehicles for hire to the list of organizations that may apply for special parking privileges.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/20/17

**Staff:** Paul Ingiosi (786-7114).

**Background:**

The Department of Licensing (DOL) must grant special parking privileges to a person with a disability who meets at least one condition of a specified list of criteria, as determined by a licensed physician, advanced nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. For individuals granted a special parking privilege, the DOL must provide either special license plates or parking placards containing the international symbol of access, and an identification card. Parking privileges for persons with disabilities must be renewed at least every five years. Parking placards and identification cars must be immediately returned to the DOL upon the placard holder's death.

Certain organizations that transport anyone who has a qualifying disability may also apply for special parking privileges including public transportation authorities, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, senior citizen centers, private nonprofit corporations, registered cabulance companies, and accessible van rental companies. Those organizations are responsible for ensuring that the parking placards and special license plates are not used improperly and are responsible for all fines and penalties for improper use.

**Summary of Bill:**

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Companies that dispatch taxicab vehicles or vehicles for hire are added to the list or organizations that may apply for special parking privileges. The parking placards and special license plates for these companies are for vehicles equipped with wheelchair accessible lifts or ramps for the transport of persons with disabilities and that are regularly dispatched and used in the transport of such persons.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 2017.