

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5957

As Reported by House Committee On: Transportation

Title: An act relating to the renewal of parking privileges for persons with disabilities.

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

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford and Mullet.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 2/24/14, 2/25/14 [DP].

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.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 31 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Farrell, Vice Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Moscoso, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Overstreet, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bergquist, Fitzgibbon, Freeman, Habib, Hawkins, Hayes, Johnson, Klippert, Kochmar, Moeller, Morris, Muri, Ortiz-Self, Pike, Riccelli, Rodne, Ryu, Sells, Shea, Takko, Tarleton, Walkinshaw, Young and Zeiger.

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

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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:

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.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This bill started from a constituent who had a family member abusing the system. It is important to verify that holders of special parking privileges are still qualified for such parking privileges.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Senator Honeyford, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.