

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: CS/SB 178

SPONSOR: Transportation Committee and Senator Miller

SUBJECT: Parking Permits for Disabled

DATE: February 15, 2002 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>McAuliffe</u>	<u>Meyer</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Favorable/CS</u>
2.	<u>Fabricant</u>	<u>Hayes</u>	<u>AGG</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
3.	_____	_____	<u>AP</u>	_____
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I. Summary:

This committee substitute (CS) re-designates s. 320.0848, F.S., as s. 322.181, F.S., effectively transferring the responsibility of issuing parking permits for the disabled from the county tax collectors to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) Division of Driver’s License. The CS also amends the redesignated section to require the parking permit to display the photograph of the recipient of a long-term parking permit for the disabled. The CS provides certain tax collectors which have the capability to process a digital image of the permit applicant will be authorized to issue disabled parking permits. The CS amends numerous sections of the Florida Statutes to conform cross references.

This CS substantially amends sections 316.1955, 316.1964, 318.18, 320.084, 320.0842, 320.0843, 322.051, 526.141, 553.5041, and transfers, renumbers, and amends 320.0848 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

The DHSMV, or its agent (local tax collectors) must, upon application and receipt of a fee, issue a parking permit for a disabled person for a period of up to 4 years to qualified persons with long-term mobility impairment.

Section 320.0848, F.S., provides the parking permit for disabled persons, or placard, for persons with long-term mobility problems must have the international symbol of accessibility on both sides of the placard, and one side of the placard must display the applicant’s driver’s license number or state identification card number. A warning is also printed on the placard warning that the applicant must have such identification at all times when using the parking permit. A

validation sticker is also issued with each disabled parking permit, showing the month and year of expiration and must be affixed on each side of the placard.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This CS redesignates s. 320.0848, F.S., as s. 322.181, F.S., effectively transferring the responsibility of issuing parking permits for the disabled from the county tax collectors to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) Division of Driver's License. The DHSMV is required to adopt rules which require a picture on the parking permit for disabled persons with long-term mobility problems upon initial application or upon the next placard renewal.

The CS also amends the redesignated section to require the parking permit to display the photograph of the recipient of a long-term parking permit for the disabled. The CS provides certain tax collectors which have the capability to process a digital image of the permit applicant will be authorized to issue disabled parking permits and to collect the fee.

The CS amends ss. 316.1955, 316.1964, 318.18, 320.084, 320.0842, 320.0843, 322.051, 526.141, 553.5041, F.S., to conform cross references. The effective date of this CS is October 1, 2002.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

According to DHSMV, in order to comply with the provisions of this CS, program modifications to the motor vehicle software systems would be required at a cost of \$135,000. DHSMV will absorb the full amount.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
