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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: CS/HB 1653

RELATING TO: Disabled Parking Permits

SPONSOR(S): Committee on Transportation and Representative Futch

TIED BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) TRANSPORTATION YEAS 10 NAYS 0
 - (2) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
 - (3) FINANCE & TAXATION
 - (4) TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS
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I. SUMMARY:

Currently, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may issue a disabled parking permit for a period of up to four years to a person with a long-term mobility impairment, or a temporary disabled parking permit, not to exceed one year, to a person with a temporary mobility impairment. There is a \$15 fee for each initial four year permit or renewal permit and for each temporary permit.

The bill amends s. 320.0848, F.S. to eliminate the fees associated with the disabled parking permit for persons with long-term mobility impairments. Therefore, no fee would be assessed for the issuance or renewal of the four year parking permit.

The bill, however, increases the fee for the temporary parking permit from \$15 to \$17.50. The amount from each fee collected for a temporary parking permit to be distributed to the tax collector would also be increased from \$2.50 to \$5.

The bill provides that a licensed, advanced registered nurse practitioner who practices under the United States Department of Veterans Affairs may provide a certificate of disability for a disabled veteran.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2000.

The bill would have a significant fiscal impact to the state and local governments and the private sector. See III. Fiscal Analysis & Economic Impact Statement.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

1. Less Government Yes No N/A

2. Lower Taxes Yes No N/A

The fee for a four-year permit would be eliminated, however, the fee for a temporary parking permit would be increased.

3. Individual Freedom Yes No N/A

4. Personal Responsibility Yes No N/A

5. Family Empowerment Yes No N/A

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Section 320.0848, F.S. provides that the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may issue a disabled parking permit for a period of up to four years to a person with a long-term mobility impairment, or a temporary disabled parking permit, not to exceed one year, to a person with a temporary mobility impairment.

This section provides for a \$15 fee for each initial four year permit or renewal permit. Of each fee collected, \$13.50 is to be distributed to the State Transportation Trust Fund and \$1.50 is to be distributed to the tax collector of the county in which the fee was collected.

An applicant who is a disabled veteran, is a resident of the state, was honorably discharged, and can show proof of a service connected disability tied to disability retirement pay and a signed physician statement, pays a reduced fee of \$1.50 for the initial or renewal four-year permit, and \$1 for each additional initial or renewal four-year permit. The tax collector of the county in which the fee was collected retains the funds.

An applicant who presents to the department a statement from the Federal Government or the State of Florida indicating that he or she is a recipient of supplemental security income pays a fee of \$9 for the initial four-year permit or renewal permit. Of each fee collected, \$6.75 is distributed to the State Transportation Trust Fund and \$2.25 is distributed to the tax collector of the county in which the fee was collected.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

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The bill, however, increases the fee for the temporary parking permit from \$15 to \$17.50. The amount from each fee collected for a temporary parking permit to be distributed to the tax collector would also be increased from \$2.50 to \$5.

The bill provides that a licensed, advanced registered nurse practitioner who practices under the United States Department of Veterans Affairs may provide a certificate of disability for a disabled veteran in order to obtain a permanent disabled parking permit.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

Four-year permit recipients would not be required to pay a fee for an initial or renewal permit. However, temporary parking permit recipients would pay an additional \$2.50 fee.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

State

According to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the loss of the four-year permit fee could result in a total revenue loss of approximately \$12.2 million over a four year period to the Department of Transportation's State Transportation Trust Fund.

Local

The loss of the four-year permit fee could result in a loss of approximately \$1.5 for the State Tax Collectors over a four year period. However, this loss would be offset by an increase in the fee for a temporary parking permit which could generate approximately \$60,000 each year.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

N/A

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

N/A

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

N/A

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

The Committee on Transportation considered this bill on April 10, 2000 and adopted one amendment which provided that an advanced registered nurse practitioner, practicing within a facility of the United States Department of Veteran Affairs and under the supervision of a licensed physician, may provide a certificate of disability.

The bill was reported favorably as a Committee Substitute.

VII. SIGNATURES:

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