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Senate Bill 772 (Senators Edwards and Astle)
 Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Registration Plates for Motorcycles - Individuals with Disabilities

This bill specifies that an individual with disabilities may possess two valid special registrations for motorcycles in addition to possessing special registration and parking placards for disabilities for vehicles other than motorcycles.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by about \$40,000 in FY 2013 only for the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to contract with an outside vendor for computer programming changes to the Disability Permitting System. TTF revenues may increase negligibly to the extent that MVA charges a \$20 substitute or replacement tag fee for the additional special disabilities registration issued.

(in dollars)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	40,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$40,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect local operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: MVA may provide a special disability registration number and plates to the owner of a vehicle who submits satisfactory proof of specified physical disabilities. A licensed physician, certified nurse practitioner, chiropractor, optometrist, or podiatrist

must certify that the vehicle owner has a cardiovascular, lung, ambulatory, visual, or other specified disability in accordance with the Maryland Vehicle Law.

The holder of special disability registration plates is afforded specified parking privileges including the authorization to generally park for unlimited periods in parking zones restricted as to the length of parking time permitted.

MVA may not accept an application for special disability registration from an applicant who already possesses one valid special registration, or two parking placards. However, MVA may issue one registration plate and one placard to the same applicant. Likewise, an applicant who does not possess a registration plate may be issued two placards. The limit on the possession of special registrations and parking placards includes special registrations and placards for motorcycles.

State Revenues: MVA advises that there are currently only 201 motorcycles with a special disabilities registration. Thus, to the extent that MVA charges a substitute/replacement tag fee of \$20 for an additional registration under the bill, even if all 201 motorcycle owners seek two additional registrations, TTF revenues increase by only \$8,040. However, it is unclear whether a significant number of motorcycle owners would request additional special disabilities registrations.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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