

Transportation Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-995

AN ACT CONCERNING REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS FOR

Title: PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Vote Date: 3/17/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/15/2023

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Transportation Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill establishes a change in language on windshield vehicle placards for people with disabilities to use a more neutral term for the parking pass. The bill also will establish that the commissioner from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to check the Public Health records of deaths in the state to update placards, to ensure that the DMV is staying up to date on placard records. Lastly, the bill establishes that a Removable Windshield Placard Advisory Council be established within the DMV to help regulate laws and suggesting policies.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Commissioner Guerrero partially supports this bill, he stated that he supports the first section of the bill which would add "Accessibility Parking Permit" to the placard. However, he stated that Section 4 of the bill, which states that a Removable Windshield Placard Advisory Council be formed within the Department of Motor Vehicles would not need to be enforced within legislation. Additionally, the commissioner stated that Section 3 of the bill, which establishes that the commissioner check deaths at least twice per year to remain updated with valid placards, is a task he already completes as part of his job.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

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