Overview

This bill makes several changes in the law governing parking of vehicles with disability license plates or certificates:

- The $1 per month credit on registration taxes for vehicles with disabled plates is repealed.
- Parking of vehicles with plates or the certificate by persons other than the disabled person is limited to use solely for the benefit of the disabled person.
- Multiple certificates issued to an organization will be issued only if the organization has a plan to prevent abuse of the certificates.
- Issuance of replacement certificates is limited.
- Parking enforcement officers are allowed to write certificates for violations by vehicles with the plates or certificates.
- Money appropriated to department of public safety for disabled parking enforcement and records management

1 **Registration tax for vehicles with disabled license plates.** Repeals the provision that reduces the registration tax by $1 for each month of registration for motor vehicles bearing disabled license plates.

2 **Parking for benefit of disabled person.** Specifies that the parking privileges extended to a vehicle with a disability certificate or license plates apply when the vehicle is parked by another person only when it is parked solely for the benefit of the disabled person. Provides that a person may park a vehicle for a disabled person at a disabled space or metered space only when actually transporting a disabled person for that person's sole benefit, and when the parking space is within a reasonable distance from the drop-off point.

Under present law, disabled parking privileges allow a vehicle with disability plates or a certificate to park in a designated disabled space, or at a meter without paying the meter fee.

3 **Certificate.** Provides that a vehicle displaying a disability certificate has parking privileges only
while the vehicle is actually in use for transporting a disabled person.
Provides that when the department of public safety issues commercial disabled certificates to an organization, the department must require documentation from each organization that the organization has adequate controls to prevent abuse of the certificate.
Prohibits the department from issuing more than three replacement certificates in a six-year period unless issuance has been approved by the council on disability.

4 **Unauthorized use.** Allows a parking enforcement officer to report a violation of disabled parking privileges to the department of public safety. Under present law the department may revoke a certificate for a violation.

5 **Enforcement.** Allows parking enforcement officers to issue citations for a violation of disabled parking privileges.
Provides that if a holder of a disability certificate or plates allows an otherwise ineligible person to use the certificate or plates, the holder may not use the certificate or plates or be issued a certificate or plates for one year after the violation.

6 **Local ordinances.** Allows cities to enact an ordinance establishing a permit program for long-term parking.

7 **Appropriation.** Appropriates $138,000 from the highway user tax distribution fund in fiscal 2000 and $40,000 in fiscal 2001 to the department of public safety for computer programming and staffing for disabled parking records management and enforcement.