

FISCAL NOTE

July 21, 2017

Bill No:	SB 781	Printer's No:	1068	Sponsor:	Brooks (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2017-18	2018-19
Motor License Fund	\$66,540	\$7,320

SUMMARY: This bill would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) to permit legislative district offices to issue temporary disability parking placards to eligible applicants.

ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 781 would give legislative district offices the authority to issue temporary disability parking placards directly to eligible individuals. The Department of Transportation (DOT) would be required to supply district offices with training and materials related to issuing, storing, ordering and returning placards. Temporary disability parking placards may also be issued upon application by an individual to a legislative district office. DOT would be responsible for prescribing the form of the application. However, the application must include a statement signed by the individual asserting he or she meets the qualifications for issuance of a disability placard pursuant to this act. Additionally, district offices would be required to electronically submit a copy of the completed application with a health care provider's statement or a statement made by a police officer that the individual is disabled to enable DOT to update its records to reflect the issuance of the temporary disability parking placard.

Temporary disability placards issued by district offices would be valid for a period of no more than six months.

This act would be effective 60 days upon passage.

FISCAL IMPACT: DOT would incur a cost of \$66,540 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 in start-up costs and administrative costs to provide training, inventory and procedures for the issuance, storage, ordering and returning of placards. DOT would also incur an on-going cost \$7,320 to oversee the process of issuing disability placards and providing disability placards to district offices across the commonwealth.

Estimated Costs of Issuing Temporary Disability Parking Placards		
Operating Expenses	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
Start-Up Costs (98 Senate and 325 House District Offices)	\$59,220	\$0
Monthly Program Administration	\$2,040	\$2,040
Placard Inventory Increase to Support District Offices	\$5,280	\$5,280
Total	\$66,540	\$7,320