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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED 2/5/2007 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR Griego

SHORT TITLE Photo I.D. Disability Placards SB 277

ANALYST Schuss

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD)

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 277 appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Motor Vehicle Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department for the purpose of replacing current placards for people with a disability with photo-identified placards. This would involve recalling eighty thousand placards that are currently in use by those with a disability.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

This will potentially create continuing increased costs to supply the placard.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

GCD notes that this bill was introduced to continue the effort of preventing parking abuse. There are individuals who borrow a placard to park in an accessible parking space. When a placard has expired, a black magic marker can be used to change the date. This is illegal activity. The new placards will have a picture of the placard holder and the date will be imprinted on the placard along with a hologram to prevent duplication. The picture will be covered by a flap so those who do not wish to have their face showing will not have it visible.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

GCD states that there would be an increase in the number of parking placards issued and more staff time will be needed to process the documentation.

TRD notes that the \$250,000 appropriation provided by the proposed legislation would be sufficient to facilitate replacing the current placards with new ones. Maintaining the new systems in future years would impose additional costs on the Department, however.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

TRD notes the following technical issue:

Provisions of the proposed measure may conflict with provisions of SB-172 (placards for pregnant women), especially if SB-172 is signed after SB-277. If so, the provisions of the proposed measure will be overridden by the format listed in SB-172. This would also occur if SB-277 is signed after SB-172; the format in SB-277 will override the format in SB 172.

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