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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE** 02/27/09

**SPONSOR** SPAC **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT TITLE** Accessible Parking Time Limit **SB** 610/SPACS

**ANALYST** Wilson

### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10	FY11		
	\$219.0	\$219.0	Recurring	City of Albuquerque

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		Unknown See Below	Unknown See Below		Recurring	Various Local Funds

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)

#### Other Responses

City of Albuquerque

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Public Affairs Committee substitute for Senate Bill 610 amends Section 3-51-46 NMSA 1978 by allowing airport parking facilities to charge long-term parking fees for periods of time exceeding 24 hours for passenger motor vehicles owned by and carrying a person with a disability and displaying special registration plates, or passenger motor vehicles carrying persons with severe mobility impairment and displaying parking placards.

Currently motor vehicles carrying disabled persons can park for an unlimited time and will be exempt from parking fines.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Parking facilities at airports and other controlled entrance and exit facilities have detailed statistics about fees which are waived for disabled parkers. The Sunport has a direct recurring annual impact approaching \$475,000 in waived parking fees. Disabled persons parking in excess of seven days accounted for \$219,000 of the total waived fees in 2008.

Communities will see increases in revenue from collection of parking fines after seven calendar days and expanded enforcement and prosecution of violators will have associated cost increases that could be offset by collection of fines. However, controlled access facilities like the Sunport have an automatic enforcement mechanism, because payment is required before leaving the facility. No additional expenses will be incurred to enforce a limitation in controlled access facilities.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The City of Albuquerque provided the following:

The Albuquerque International Airport (Sunport), has encountered abuses to the statute as currently written. Vehicles bearing a disability placard or license plate have been parked in the controlled access short term parking facility on a long term basis, sometimes up to four months at one sitting. These vehicles often are parked in the closest and most convenient and accessible spaces reserved for persons with a disability, making the spaces inaccessible to the greater disabled community for extended periods of time. Parking fees waived by the Sunport pursuant to the statute totaled about \$475,000 last year.

The Sunport notes that its records indicate that a time limitation will free up handicapped parking spaces which are now being used for free long term parking.

DDPC notes although dedicated parking for individuals with disabilities is available, it is still difficult to find or utilize parking due to illegal use by individuals without disabilities.

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