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SUMMARY

- Creates a removable windshield placard that grants accessible parking privileges to a pregnant woman through her pregnancy and into the first few months postpartum.
- Makes the placard valid for one year after issuance.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Pregnancy removable windshield placard

The bill creates a pregnancy removable windshield placard that authorizes the use of accessible parking spaces for a woman while she is pregnant and through the first few months that she is postpartum.¹ The pregnancy placard is valid for one year and is not renewable. However, a woman may obtain a new pregnancy placard upon a subsequent pregnancy.² The Registrar of Motor Vehicles must determine the form, size, material, and color of the pregnancy placard.³

To obtain a pregnancy placard, an applicant must submit a completed application to the BMV that includes a prescription from an authorized health care provider stating the due date of the unborn child. The cost of a pregnancy placard is \$8, similar to the temporary or standard handicap placard issued under current law. A pregnant woman may apply for the pregnancy placard at any point in her pregnancy after obtaining the prescription from the health care

¹ R.C. 4503.44 and 4503.69.

² R.C. 4503.44(C)(9)(b).

³ R.C. 4503.44(C)(8).

provider. Thus, how long the accessible parking privileges extend after her pregnancy into the postpartum period will vary between women.⁴

Otherwise, the general provisions and limitations that govern the issuance, use, display, and surrender of the other types of removable windshield placards also apply to the pregnancy placard.⁵

Under current law, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) issues three other types of removable windshield placards, which are available to a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk or an organization that regularly transports such a person. The current placards are a standard placard that expires ten years after the date of issuance, a temporary placard that expires within six months, and a permanent placard that has no expiration date. The temporary placard is issued to a person whose disability is expected to last for less than six months (e.g., a broken leg).⁶

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⁴ R.C. 4503.038 and 4503.44(C)(1), (2), and (5).

⁵ R.C. 4503.44 and 4503.69.

⁶ R.C. 4503.44(C)(6).