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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) may incur minimal costs to create a removable windshield placard that grants accessible parking privileges to a pregnant woman through her pregnancy and into the first few months postpartum.

Detailed Analysis

The bill creates a new removable windshield placard granting accessible parking privileges to pregnant women that is valid for a one-year period after issuance. The Registrar of Motor Vehicles is to determine the form, size, material, and color of the placard. It seems likely that the Registrar would create the pregnancy placard to be similar in style, size, and shape, to other types of removable windshield placards that are currently issued. Pregnancy placards are not renewable, but another placard can be obtained for a subsequent pregnancy. The costs to produce and issue the pregnancy removable windshield placard would be borne by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) and are presumed to be minimal.

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 applicant is required to pay an \$8 service fee. Of that amount, \$5 is retained by the deputy registrar and \$3 is credited to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0) for use by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The bill places no additional requirements on local law enforcement. However, such agencies may need to expend some additional time and effort to educate their officers about the new placards. Presumably any time and effort expended would be minimal.