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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 3135

June 26, 1991Hearing Room B 2:30 p.m.Tapes 3 - 4

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Frank Roberts Sen. Trisha Smith

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Mary Alice Ford, Chair Rep. Jerry Barnes
Rep. Sam Dominy

STAFF PRESENT: Melanie Zermer, Committee Administrator Pamela
Berger, Committee Assistant Joan Robinson, Legislative Counsel

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NOTE: On June 22, 1991 the conference committee on HB 3135, having failed to agree requested conferees be discharged. On June 26, 1991 new conferees were appointed.

TAPE 3, SIDE A

010 CHAIR FORD: Calls the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

HB 3135 - Authorizes renewal by mail of certain permits Witnesses: Jose Mata, Administrator, Senate Rules Committee Kelly Taylor, Motor Vehicles Division Joan Plank, Motor Vehicles Division

Staff submits and SENATOR ROBERTS explains HB 3135-B22 proposed amendments (EXHIBIT A).

Staff submits issues addressed relating to the proposed amendments (EXHIBIT B).

CHAIR FORD: Would it be necessary for a person to reapply at the end of six months if they were issued a temporary permit?

ROBERTS: Yes.

040 DOMINY: Are the proposed amendments acceptable with Motor Vehicles

Division?

KELLY TAYLOR, MOTOR VEHICLES DIVISION: These amendments could easily be implemented.

ROBERTS: Continues explaining the proposed amendments.

057 DOMINY: Are there any parking areas which would be excluded?

ROBERTS: Those not for general public use; those which are reserved for specific purposes (i.e. apartment parking lots).

DOMINY: What about paid parking lots?

062 JOSE MATA, ADMINISTRATOR, SENATE RULES COMMITTEE: Assume that they are included because they provide parking for the public.

CHAIR FORD: What about churches?

MATA: Not sure.

ROBERTS: Under current law are churches required to provide disabled parking spots?

TAYLOR: Don't think so.

082 MATA: The recently passed federal disability law will soon take effect, which will be an overlay on this. As a practical matter, this statute may be superseded. We are changing publicly to public. "Public" is defined in statute but "publicly" is not.

DOMINY: Hope that when the rules are being adopted by the Building Codes Agency, that they consider churches, lodges, etc.

098 ROBERTS: Continues explaining the proposed amendments.

111 CHAIR FORD: Concerned about disabled spots being used for other purposes (i.e. unloading bark dust); would that be a violation?

MELANIE ZERMER, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Obstacles are addressed in HB 3135-A, page 4, line 23.

130 DOMINY: Wants to make it clear that an obstacle is the same violation as a parked car in a disabled parking spot.

TAYLOR: Feels that the language is clear enough.

ROBERTS: Continues explaining the proposed amendments.

173 BARNES: If a person was indigent, could they provide community service instead of being fined?

MATA: Think that the court would have the authority to impose that.

DOMINY: Hope that when the rules are being adopted by the Building Codes Agency, that they consider community service in lieu of fines for indigents.

CHAIR FORD: They could obtain a copy of the tape to understand our

intent.

185 ROBERTS: Continues explaining the proposed amendments.

Discussion on possible federal guidelines regarding fines.

Discussion on Senate deliberations regarding permit holders not having to retain an i.d. card as well as a permit card.

235 CHAIR FORD: What is the process to re-apply?

TAYLOR: People have the option to do so by mail. If they have the type of i.d. card with a photo, they would need to do so in person and get their placard at the same time.

CHAIR FORD: What are the costs?

TAYLOR: Renewal by mail would be approximately \$7; \$12 for a photo i.d. card.

BARNES: An i.d. with a photo is more valuable in terms cashing checks etc.

DOMINY: After a person receives their original i.d. card, would they need to re-new every four years?

MATA: That is what current statute states.

DOMINY: Is there any reason to re-new the placard?

TAYLOR: Previous to 1989, there was no requirement to renew placards. That was changed because we found that when the disabled person died, family members continued to use it. This is to ensure that people using the placard are in fact disabled.

310 ROBERTS: If the permit is tied to valid drivers license, which expires every four years, they would have that expense anyway.

TAYLOR: Correct.

ROBERTS: Is there anyway to reduce the extra cost of issuing a permit?

TAYLOR: We are required to maintain computer records and maintain inventory. The \$4 fee does not cover all of our current costs.

CHAIR FORD: Concerned about the \$12 fee.

ROBERTS: Reluctant to move these amendments since enforcement issues are not included. It blackens the name of the House to refuse towing enforcement.

Discussion of the Senate towing provisions.

DOMINY: Is there a possibility that we could amend this to include an interim committee study the towing enforcement issues?

403 SMITH: Don't see any point to having people get a placard when it does not give them any advantage. Will vote for this only because of the provision which includes people with visual problems.

TAPE 4, SIDE A

CHAIR FORD: The interim committee on Human Resources can certainly study the enforcement issue.

013 Discussion on barriers for the disabled.

BARNES: Suggests public service announcements on disabled parking places.

JOAN PLANK, MOTOR VEHICLES DIVISION: Currently we do public service announcements and could plan on doing ones on disabled parking. Will make that a priority.

MOTION: SENATOR ROBERTS MOVES ADOPTION OF THE HB 3135- B22 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

VOTE: THERE BEING NO OBJECTIONS, THE MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION: SENATOR ROBERTS MOVES THAT THE SENATE RECEDE FROM THE SENATE AMENDMENTS DATED JUNE 13 AND THAT THE A-ENGROSSED BILL BE AMENDED AND REPASSED.

VOTE: THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR FORD: Adjourns the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Pamela Berger

Melanie Zermer

EXHIBIT LOG: A - HB 3135 - proposed amendments - staff - 10 pp. B - HB 3135 - issues addressed - staff - 1 p.