

STATE of RHODE ISLAND Executive Department

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

John O. Pastore Center, 41 Cherry Dale Court Cranston, RI 02920-3049

[voice] (401) 462-0110 [tty] via RI Relay 711 [fax] 462-0106 [e-mail] elisabeth.hubbard@gcd.ri.gov

e-mailj elisabeth.nubbard@gcd.ri.gov [website] www.disabilities.ri.gov

Legislative Impact Statement

To: Chairperson Representative Shanley From: Elisabeth Hubbard, Executive Secretary

Re: 25 House 6094 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES – PARKING

ENFORCEMENT AND PRIVLEGES

Tuesday, April 08, 2025

The Governor's Commission on Disabilities' Legislation Committee has developed a Legislative Impact Statement on the bill listed below. The Commission would be pleased to present testimony to the committee. Please contact me (462-0110 or elisabeth.hubbard@gcd.ri.gov) for additional information.

Introduced by Representative Corvese

The Commission finds this bill beneficial.

Accessible parking is an issue about which the Governor's Commission on Disabilities receives many calls. We offer technical assistance as to the requirements for accessible spots, but we are not involved in the enforcement process. This bill would include us in the decision-making and reporting process for the plans for enforcement for accessible parking.

Currently, cities, towns, and state entities are required to have accessible parking enforcement plans. There is however, no method to track the enforcement and how effective the enforcement plans are. By creating an annual reporting requirement, we can see what methods are working in what locations and what areas may need improvement. Involving the GCD allows us to provide technical assistance and advice to municipalities and state agencies, which we already do in other areas.

Improving accessible parking enforcement means improving access and opportunities for people with disabilities.