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## Legislative Impact Statement

To: Chairperson Representative Shanley  
From: Elisabeth Hubbard, Executive Secretary  
Re: **26 House 7008 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVLEGES**

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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](mailto:elisabeth.hubbard@gcd.ri.gov)) for additional information.

Introduced by Representative Corvese

**The Commission finds this bill beneficial.**

When accessible parking is not available due to lack of enforcement against illegal use of the spaces, people with mobility impairments do not have access shopping, medical facilities and recreation. This is more than a mere inconvenience, as that person's access to things they need may be completely cut off until parking becomes available. In turn, local retail locations lose the business of those customers with mobility impairments if there is no accessible parking available.

The Governor's Commission on Disabilities receives many calls from individuals regarding the enforcement of accessible parking. While we offer technical assistance as to the requirements for accessible parking spaces, 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 these 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.