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House Bill 4995 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Laura Toy
House Committee: Transportation
Senate Committee: Transportation and Tourism

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to prohibit a vehicle from being parked in a clearly identified access aisle or access lane immediately adjacent to a space designated for parking by persons with disabilities, or on a street or other area open to vehicle parking that resulted in the vehicle interfering with the use of a curb-cut by persons with disabilities. The bill also provides that if a vehicle were located in a clearly identified access aisle or access lane immediately adjacent to a space designated as parking for persons with disabilities or if a vehicle were interfering with the use of a ramp or a curb-cut by persons with disabilities, then a police agency or a governmental agency designated by the police could immediately remove the vehicle from public or private property to a place of safekeeping at the expense of the vehicle's registered owner.

The bill would take effect October 1, 2000.

Currently, a vehicle may not be parked in a parking space clearly identified by an official sign as being reserved for use by disabled persons that is on public property or private property available for public use, unless the individual is a disabled person, as described in the Code, or the individual is parking the vehicle for the benefit of a disabled person, and the vehicle displays a certificate of identification, a windshield placard, or a special registration plate, as described in the Code. (A vehicle may park in a prohibited space if necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the law or the directions of a police officer or traffic control device.) In addition, a vehicle may be removed immediately, as described above, if it is stopped, standing, or parked in a space designated as parking for persons with disabilities and is not permitted by law to be stopped, standing, or parked in that space.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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