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House Bill 4550 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Gene DeRossett  
House Committee: Transportation  
Senate Committee: Transportation and Tourism

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to permit the Secretary of State to accept from a disabled individual an application for a windshield placard, special registration plate, or free parking sticker that was signed by a physician licensed to practice in another state if the application were accompanied by a copy of that physician's current medical license issued by that state.

Under the Code, a disabled person may obtain a temporary or permanent windshield placard, a free parking sticker, and/or a special registration plate that entitles the person to park in spaces designated for use by persons with disabilities and to park for free in metered spaces and public lots and ramps. (The Code defines "disabled person" as an individual who is determined by a physician or optometrist licensed to practice in Michigan to have one or more physical characteristics, as specified in the Code.) An application for a free parking sticker must contain a certification by a physician licensed to practice in this State attesting to the nature and estimated duration of the applicant's disability and verifying that he or she qualifies for a free parking sticker, unless it appears obvious that the applicant cannot perform one or more of the acts listed in the Code. Also, an individual who has a religious objection to having a medical examination by a physician may apply in person for a windshield placard, and is not required to present a medical statement attesting to the disability if it appears obvious that he or she has a qualifying disability.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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