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Senate Bill 981 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Senate Bill 982 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Buzz Thomas (S.B. 981)
 Senator Michael D. Bishop (S.B. 982)
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

Senate Bill 981 (S-1) would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow a certified nurse practitioner to provide certification of the nature and estimated duration of the disabling condition of an applicant for a free parking windshield placard, and verification that the applicant qualifies for a free parking sticker. (The Code currently requires that the certification and verification be provided by a physician or physician's assistant.) The bill also specifies that the amended section of the Code would not require new or additional third party reimbursement or worker's compensation benefits for services rendered.

Senate Bill 982 (S-1) would amend Public Act 298 of 1966 (which provides for a board of civil service commissioners for sheriff's departments in certain counties) to specify that a physical examination performed on an applicant for a position in a sheriff's department could be performed by a licensed physician, a licensed physician's assistant, or a certified nurse practitioner. The bill specifies that the amended section of the Act would not require new or additional third party reimbursement or worker's compensation benefits for services rendered.

Under the Act, an individual applying for admission to an examination must submit a formal application to the board of civil service commissioners for the sheriff's department. The commission may refuse to examine an applicant or, after examination, to certify as eligible an applicant who falls under certain disqualifying factors. Currently, the disqualifying factors include being a habitual user of intoxicating liquor or drugs, or being guilty of any crime or infamous or notoriously disgraceful conduct. Under the bill, an applicant would be disqualified if he or she were a habitual user of intoxicating liquor or an illegal user of a controlled substance, or had been found guilty of a crime.

MCL 257.675 (S.B. 981)
51.360 (S.B. 982)

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FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 981 would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Senate Bill 982 would have no effect on State revenues or expenditures. The bill could reduce local unit expenses by a negligible amount by allowing a presumably less expensive medical practitioner to perform required physical examinations.

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