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Senate Bill 868 (as introduced 3-12-14)
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Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- **Increase the fine for parking in a space reserved for a disabled person.**
- **Allow a parking space reserved for a disabled person to be posted with a sign indicating the amount of the fine for illegally parking in a space reserved for a disabled person.**

The Code provides that a vehicle must not be parked in certain areas, unless it is necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the law or the direction of a police officer or traffic control device. These areas include a parking space clearly identified by an official sign as being reserved for use by a disabled person that is on public property or private property available for public use, unless the individual is a disabled person's parking the vehicle for the benefit of a disabled person. The bill specifies that if a parking space were identified by an official sign as being reserved for use by a disabled person, the parking space also could be posted with a sign that indicated the amount of the fine authorized for violating this prohibition.

The Code requires a judge or district court magistrate to order a person to pay a civil fine of not less than \$100 or not more than \$250 for a violation of the disabled parking restriction. The bill would increase the fine to an amount not less than \$200 or not more than \$500.

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Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would result in a fiscal cost to State and local government if any signage is added to State or locally owned spaces to display the penalty amount for violation involving parking in a space reserved for a disabled person. Additionally, with an increase in the fine schedule for unauthorized disabled space parking, additional fine revenue could be collected, which would benefit public libraries.

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