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Bill Summary

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The Conference Committee Substitute (CCS) for House Bill 2567 requires municipalities to recognize disability stickers issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs and federal military bases or disability placards issued by another state as valid disability placards in Oklahoma. In addition, the measure provides for a \$500.00 fine for individuals who illegally use a disabled parking space. The aforementioned fine, however, will not apply to any person that is escorting or accommodating a physically disabled person who has been issued a qualifying placard or license plate.

Eighty percent (80%) of the fines collected pursuant to the measure will be allocated to the general fund of the issuing municipality with the remaining twenty percent (20%) being allocated to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of establishing a system for the enforcement of disability parking requirements.

Upon the accumulation of necessary funds, the Department of Public Safety is required to develop and administer a database identifying all persons that have been issued a disabled parking permit. The measure also requires that the database, upon completion, be available twenty-four (24) hours a day to any person authorized by statute to enforce disabled parking laws for the purpose of verifying disabled parking permits and the individuals to whom such permits have been issued.

Fiscal Summary

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The CCS for HB2567 requires municipalities and political subdivisions to provide special parking privileges to the physically disabled in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines. The measure creates several misdemeanor offenses pertaining to the misuse of a disabled parking placard or license plate and increases the penalty for parking in a disabled parking space without a disabled placard or license plate.

Fiscal Analysis

The CCS for HB2567 increases the fine for parking in a disabled parking space without a disabled placard or license plate from \$150 to \$500. Fines collected for violations associated with the misuse of a disabled parking will be distributed 80% to the municipality or political subdivision and 20% to a dedicated fund established by the Department of Public Safety (DPS)

for enforcement of disability parking. When sufficient funds have accumulated, DPS must develop and deploy a database which identifies all persons who have been issued a disabled parking permit. The database must be available 24/7 for verification and enforcement purposes. The CCS for HB2567 has no significant fiscal impact.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

None

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