

HB 1035 -- DISABLED PARKING

SPONSOR: Young

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 16 to 0.

This bill requires all new signs erected after August 28, 2006, relating to disabled parking to contain the words "Accessible Parking" instead of "Handicap Parking."

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the words we use shape our attitudes. The word "handicapped" evokes the picture of dependency instead of achievement, independence, and responsibility. It's more dignified to describe the parking space, not its user.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Young; Cathy Enfield; Richard Enfield; Paraquad, Incorporated; Governor's Council on Disability; and Whole Person, Incorporated.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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