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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Mayor's Commission on Disabilities		
	SUBJECT	Council Bill - #08-0194 – Parking for Disabled Persons & Helpers – Temporary Disabilities Bill		

TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400 City Hall

DATE:
March 11, 2009

Please be advised that the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities **supports** Council Bill 08-0194, **with amendments**.

The Mayor's Commission on Disabilities supports the Parking for Disabled Persons & Helpers – Temporary Disabilities Bill. The purpose of the bill is to authorize, under certain circumstances, reserved parking for persons with disabilities and their helpers. This bill will accomplish this by repealing and reordaining, with amendments, Article 31 – Transit & Traffic, Sections 9-1 and 9-12b and repealing and reordaining, without amendments, Article 31 – Transit & Traffic, Sections 9-11 of the Baltimore City Code, Edition 2000.

Bill Support:

The bill will allow a person with a temporary disability to be eligible for a reserved parking space if the person has a temporary disability that documented by a physician to be of a nature that will adversely affect the person for at least one year. The temporarily disabled person must also meet all other criteria for reserved parking for persons with permanent disabilities.

We recommend a favorable report on Council Bill 08-0194, with the following amendments:

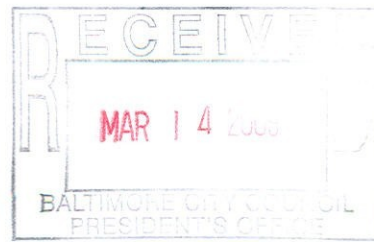
1) Change of language in section 9-1 (B) as follows:

(1) THE APPLICATION SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY:

(i) a physician's statement, DATED WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 6 MONTHS FOR A PERSON WITH A PERMANENT DISABILITY **OR DATED WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 3 MONTHS FOR A PERSON WITH A TEMPORARY DISABILITY**, describing the nature AND ANTICIPATED DURATION of the disability and [its] THE DISABILITY'S effect on the ability of the applicant[,dated within the previous 6 months]; and

2) The bill does not include a mechanism to rescind the parking space when the temporarily disabled person is no longer disabled. We suggest that a periodic renewal/review process be added to the bill.

F/A



3) We recommend an application fee of \$20. This is the same fee as a regular residential permit parking fee. This fee would cut down on frivolous and potential fraudulent applications. This fee can also help with the cost inspection, installation of poles, signage, and process by staff of these applications.

Current Law:

Current law sets eligibility for reserved parking spaces for a disabled person with a permanent disability.

We respectfully request your assistance in securing a **favorable** report with amendments on Council Bill 08-0194.

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