

Late Testimony



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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

SENATE BILL 2182 – RELATING TO PARKING SPACES RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

My name is Francine Aona Kenyon and am a deaf advocate. I have rheumatoid arthritis on both of my knees and am the holder of the handicapped parking placards ever since 1980 in both states of Maryland and Hawaii.

I strongly support the Senate Bill 2182, Relating to Parking Spaces for Persons with Disabilities, which clarifies that a violation is committed by a driver or registered owner of a vehicle; (2) allows citations to be handed to the violator or affixed to the vehicle if the vehicle is unattended; and, (3) clarifies that a citation may be mailed when the violator refuses the citation.

I support the amendment of the bill, stating about parking in an access aisle or obstruction of the ingress or egress to a parking space reserved for a person with a disability but have a concern about the duty of the police giving the citations because of many violations that I have personally seen everywhere.

People using motorcycles or mopeds, even the bicycles, ALWAYS park on the access aisle that blocks me from going out and getting into my car. Not only this, but also the shopping carts left on the access aisle, blocking the ingress and egress, TOO! I know it is not the responsibility of the police department but may suggest to the shopping center management to have the signs posted, telling the people not to leave the shopping carts on the access aisle! I always have my friend to move the shopping cart out of the access aisle or to tell the driver waiting in the car without the placard on the handicapped parking space to move out.

However, on many occasions, I ALWAYS catch MANY VIOLATORS, including HEALTHY, YOUNG adults, parking on the handicapped parking spaces, even there NO person with disability is with them! I DEFINITELY WISH I have the authority to give them the citations!! SO where is the police???? Not even a sight of any police anywhere at the shopping centers or on streets could be anywhere to give the citations to violators of handicapped parking spaces without the placards.

I support the bill but the question lies on the duty and responsibility of the police.

Thank you for the opportunity for me to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francine Aona Kenyon".

Francine Aona Kenyon
Deaf Advocate