

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 761
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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Section I. Amends Section 681.001, Transportation Code, by adding the definitions of "stand" or "standing".

Section II. Amends Section 681.011, Transportation Code, by making it an offense to stand a vehicle in a place designated for disabled access without the proper disabled parking placard or other disabled designation.

Section III. The change in law applies to offenses committed after the effective date of this Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The substitute differs from the original in that the original included the definition of "park" or "parking" as an offense. The substitute removes the definition of "park" and removed "park/parking" as an offense and left "stand/standing" as an offense.

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