

AN ACT

relating to parking of a motor vehicle operated by or for the transportation of a veteran with a disability in certain parking spaces; providing a criminal penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (e), Section 681.009, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) A private property owner or private person who controls property used for parking and who designates one or more uncovered parking spaces for the exclusive use of vehicles transporting persons with disabilities shall assign at least half of those spaces for the exclusive use of vehicles displaying a white on blue shield disabled parking placard or license plates issued under Section 504.202, except that if an odd number of spaces is designated, only the number of spaces that is the largest whole number less than half of the number of designated spaces must be assigned for the exclusive use of vehicles displaying a white on blue shield placard or license plates issued under Section 504.202. Van-accessible parking spaces shall be counted as assigned spaces under this subsection. These assigned spaces must be the spaces located closest to an accessible route to an entrance accessible to a person with a disability. The remaining designated parking spaces may be used by vehicles displaying a white on blue shield disabled parking placard, a white on red shield disabled parking

1 placard, ~~[or]~~ license plates issued under Section 504.201, or  
2 license plates issued under Section 504.202. This subsection  
3 applies only to a property used for parking that serves a building  
4 or other facility:

5 (1) that state law requires to be accessible to person  
6 with disabilities; and

7 (2) for which construction or an alteration of the  
8 building or other facility is completed on or after September 1,  
9 1999.

10 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 681.011, Transportation  
11 Code, is amended to read as follows:

12 (b) A person commits an offense if the person:

13 (1) stands a vehicle on which license plates issued  
14 under Section 504.201 or 504.202 are not displayed and a disabled  
15 parking placard is not displayed in a parking space or area  
16 designated specifically for individuals with disabilities by:

17 (A) a political subdivision; or

18 (B) a person who owns or controls private  
19 property used for parking as to which a political subdivision has  
20 provided for the application of this section under this Subsection  
21 (f); or

22 (2) stands a vehicle displaying a white on red shield  
23 disabled parking placard or license plates issued under Section  
24 504.201 in a space designated under Section 681.009(e) for the  
25 exclusive use of vehicles displaying a white on blue shield  
26 disabled parking placard or license plates issued under Section  
27 504.202.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 251 passed the Senate on March 28, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 251 passed the House on May 17, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor