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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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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.