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S.B. No. 251

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to parking of a motor vehicle operated by or for the  
3 transportation of a veteran with a disability in certain parking  
4 spaces; providing a criminal penalty.

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

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

8 (e) A private property owner or private person who controls  
9 property used for parking and who designates one or more uncovered  
10 parking spaces for the exclusive use of vehicles transporting  
11 persons with disabilities shall assign at least half of those  
12 spaces for the exclusive use of vehicles displaying a white on blue  
13 shield disabled parking placard or license plates issued under  
14 Section 504.202, except that if an odd number of spaces is  
15 designated, only the number of spaces that is the largest whole  
16 number less than half of the number of designated spaces must be  
17 assigned for the exclusive use of vehicles displaying a white on  
18 blue shield placard or license plates issued under Section 504.202.

19 Van-accessible parking spaces shall be counted as assigned spaces  
20 under this subsection. These assigned spaces must be the spaces  
21 located closest to an accessible route to an entrance accessible to  
22 a person with a disability. The remaining designated parking  
23 spaces may be used by vehicles displaying a white on blue shield  
24 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. Section 681.011(b), Transportation Code, is  
11 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.