

1-1 By: Weber, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Jackson) H.B. No. 2020
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2009;
1-3 May 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 8, 2009, reported
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1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to parking privileges for veterans with disabilities.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Sections 681.008(a) and (b), Transportation
1-12 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) A vehicle may be parked for an unlimited period in a
1-14 parking space or area that is designated specifically for persons
1-15 with physical disabilities if ~~+~~

1-16 ~~[(1)]~~ the vehicle:

1-17 (1) is being operated by or for the transportation of:

1-18 (A) the person who registered the vehicle under
1-19 Section 504.202(a) ~~+~~ or

1-20 ~~[(B)]~~ a person described by Section 504.202(b) if
1-21 the vehicle is registered under that subsection; and

1-22 (B) displays [(2) there are displayed on the
1-23 vehicle] special license plates issued under Section 504.202; or

1-24 (2) displays license plates issued by another state of
1-25 the United States that indicate on the face of the license plates
1-26 that the owner or operator of the vehicle is a disabled veteran of
1-27 the United States armed forces.

1-28 (b) A vehicle on which license plates described by
1-29 Subsection (a)(2) or issued under Section 504.202 or Section
1-30 504.315(c), (d), (e), or (g) are displayed is exempt from the
1-31 payment of a parking fee collected through a parking meter charged
1-32 by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal
1-33 government, when being operated by or for the transportation of:

1-34 (1) the person who registered the vehicle under
1-35 Section 504.202(a) or Section 504.315(c), (d), (e), or (g); ~~or~~

1-36 (2) a person described in Section 504.202(b) if the
1-37 vehicle is registered under that subsection; or

1-38 (3) the owner or operator of a vehicle displaying
1-39 license plates described by Subsection (a)(2).

1-40 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-41 to the standing of a vehicle in a parking space or area designated
1-42 specifically for persons with physical disabilities on or after the
1-43 effective date of this Act. The standing of a vehicle in a parking
1-44 space or area designated specifically for persons with physical
1-45 disabilities before the effective date of this Act is governed by
1-46 the law in effect on that date, and the former law is continued in
1-47 effect for that purpose.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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