

1-1 By: Scott (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 1473
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2011;
1-3 April 20, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 19, 2011, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2011,
1-6 sent to printer.)

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

1-9 relating to creating the offense of altering a disabled parking
1-10 placard.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 681.0111, Transportation
1-13 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 681.0111. MANUFACTURE, SALE, POSSESSION, OR USE OF
1-15 COUNTERFEIT OR ALTERED PLACARD.

1-16 SECTION 2. Sections 681.0111(a) and (b), Transportation
1-17 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-18 (a) A person commits an offense if, without the department's
1-19 authorization, the person:

1-20 (1) manufactures, sells, or possesses a placard that
1-21 is deceptively similar to a disabled parking placard; or

1-22 (2) alters a genuine disabled parking placard.

1-23 (b) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly
1-24 parks a vehicle displaying a counterfeit or altered placard in a
1-25 parking space or area designated specifically for persons with
1-26 disabilities.

1-27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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