

AN ACT

relating to parking privileges of disabled veterans on the property of institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 681.008, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1) A vehicle described by Subsection (a) may be parked for an unlimited period in a parking space or area that is designated specifically for persons with physical disabilities on the property of an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, regardless of whether a permit is generally required for the use of the space or area. An institution of higher education may require a vehicle described by Subsection (a) to display a parking permit issued by the institution specifically for the purpose of implementing this subsection, but may not charge a fee for the permit. This subsection does not entitle a person to park a vehicle described by Subsection (a) in a parking space or area that has not been designated specifically for persons with physical disabilities on the property of the institution if the vehicle has not been granted or assigned a parking permit required by the institution.

(a-2) Subsection (a-1) does not apply to a parking space or area located in:

(1) a controlled access parking facility if at least

1 50 percent of the number of parking spaces or areas designated
2 specifically for persons with physical disabilities on the property
3 of the institution of higher education are located outside a
4 controlled access parking facility;

5 (2) an area temporarily designated for special event
6 parking; or

7 (3) an area where parking is temporarily prohibited
8 for health or safety concerns.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1061 passed the Senate on April 29, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1061 passed the House on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor