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H.B. No. 1317

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of van-only parking spaces for use by persons with disabilities; creating an offense.

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

SECTION 1. Section 469.052, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The commission by rule shall require, for a building or facility that is required under 28 C.F.R. Part 36 to designate one or more van-accessible parking spaces, that at least one of those parking spaces be designated for use only by vans.

SECTION 2. Section 681.006(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Subject to Section 681.009(e), a vehicle may be parked for an unlimited period:

(1) in a parking space or area that is designated specifically for persons with physical disabilities, other than a space designated as van-only under Section 469.052(d), Government Code, if:

(A) [~~1~~] the vehicle is being operated by or for the transportation of a person with a disability; and

(B) [~~2~~] there are:

(i) [~~A~~] displayed on the vehicle special license plates issued under Section 504.201; or

(ii) [~~B~~] placed on the rearview mirror of

1 the vehicle's front windshield a disabled parking placard; or
2 (2) in a parking space designated as van-only under
3 Section 469.052(d), Government Code, if:

4 (A) the requirements of Subdivision (1) are met;
5 and

6 (B) the vehicle is a van.

7 SECTION 3. Section 681.009(b), Transportation Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (b) A political subdivision must designate a parking space
10 or area by conforming to the standards and specifications adopted
11 by the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation under Section
12 469.052, Government Code [~~5(i), Article 9102, Revised Statutes~~],
13 relating to the identification and dimensions of parking spaces for
14 persons with disabilities. A person who owns or controls private
15 property used for parking may designate a parking space or area
16 without conforming to those standards and specifications, unless
17 required to conform by law.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.