By:  Springer (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.B. No. 3163

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Nichols           X

Hancock           X

Alvarado          X

Hinojosa          X

Kolkhorst         X

Perry             X

Rodríguez         X

Schwertner        X

West              X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to parking for persons with disabilities.

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

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

(b-1)  Subject to Subsection (b), the standards and specifications adopted by the commission under this chapter must provide that:

(1)  if an accessible parking space provided in accordance with a requirement of the standards and specifications is paved:

(A)  the international symbol of access must be painted on the parking space; and

(B)  the words "NO PARKING" must be painted on any access aisle adjacent to the parking space; and

(2)  a sign identifying an accessible parking space provided in accordance with a requirement of the standards and specifications must include a statement regarding the potential consequences of illegally parking a vehicle in the space, including the towing of the vehicle or the assessment of a fine or other penalty against the vehicle owner or operator.

SECTION 2.  Subchapter C, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.205 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.205.  INFORMATION PROVIDED WITH PLATES. The department shall include with each set of specialty license plates issued under this subchapter a document that provides:

(1)  information on laws governing parking for persons with disabilities; and

(2)  instructions for reporting alleged violations of Chapter 681.

SECTION 3.  Section 681.004, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e)  The department shall include with each disabled parking placard a document that provides:

(1)  information on laws governing parking for persons with disabilities; and

(2)  instructions for reporting alleged violations of this chapter.

SECTION 4.  Section 681.009(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

SECTION 5.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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