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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President of the Senate

I certify that H.B. No. 3163 was passed by the House on May 3, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3163 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _______________________

Date

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Governor