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H.B. No. 3163

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

1 department shall include with each set of specialty license plates  
2 issued under this subchapter a document that provides:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (b) A political subdivision must designate a parking space  
18 or area by conforming to the standards and specifications adopted  
19 by the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation under Section  
20 469.052, Government Code [~~5(i), Article 9102, Revised Statutes~~],  
21 relating to the identification and dimensions of parking spaces for  
22 persons with disabilities. A person who owns or controls private  
23 property used for parking may designate a parking space or area  
24 without conforming to those standards and specifications, unless  
25 required to conform by law.

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