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H.B. No. 2309

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the penalties for the illegal use of a parking space or
3 area designated specifically for persons with disabilities;
4 increasing criminal fines.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 681.011(g) and (k), Transportation
7 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (g) Except as provided by Subsections (h)-(k), an offense
9 under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less
10 than \$500 or more than \$1,000 [~~\$750~~].

11 (k) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this
12 section that the person has been previously convicted four times of
13 an offense under this section, the offense is punishable by a fine
14 of \$1,650 [~~\$1,250~~] and 50 hours of community service.

15 SECTION 2. Sections 681.011(h), (i), and (j),
16 Transportation Code, as amended by Chapters 1160 (H.B. 3095) and
17 1336 (S.B. 52), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session,
18 2009, are reenacted and amended to read as follows:

19 (h) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this
20 section that the person has been previously convicted one time of an
21 offense under this section, the offense is punishable by:

22 (1) a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,050
23 [~~\$800~~]; and

24 (2) 10 hours of community service.

1 (i) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this
2 section that the person has been previously convicted two times of
3 an offense under this section, the offense is punishable by:

4 (1) a fine of not less than \$550 or more than \$1,050
5 [~~\$800~~]; and

6 (2) 20 hours of community service.

7 (j) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this
8 section that the person has been previously convicted three times
9 of an offense under this section, the offense is punishable by:

10 (1) a fine of not less than \$800 or more than \$1,450
11 [~~\$1,100~~]; and

12 (2) 30 hours of community service.

13 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
14 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
15 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
16 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
17 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
18 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
19 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
20 before that date.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.