

By Senator Wise

5-996A-06

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to accessible parking spaces; amending s. 553.5041, F.S.; providing for reservation of accessible parking spaces for persons who require extra space in order to exit from or enter a motor vehicle; requiring signage; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section 553.5041, Florida Statutes, to read:

553.5041 Parking spaces for persons who have disabilities.--

(7)(a) If a facility has more than one accessible parking space pursuant to this section, at least 25 percent, but no fewer than one space, must be reserved for the temporary exclusive use of persons who have disabled parking permits, who occupy a van or other vehicle having an attached device to load or unload a wheelchair, and who require extra space to deploy the mobility device, lift, ramp, or other device in order to exit from or enter such vehicle. In addition to any other signage requirements under this section or ADAAG s. 4.30, such spaces must be posted with a sign stating "VANS OR VEHICLES WITH ATTACHED WHEELCHAIR DEVICES" and stating the penalty for illegal use of the space.

(b) A person who parks in a space in violation of paragraph (a) is subject to a fine of \$500.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

SENATE SUMMARY

Requires certain parking spaces for disabled persons to be limited to parking by persons who require extra space to use specialty devices to exit from or enter their vehicles. Provides a fine for violations.