

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to accessible parking spaces; amending s.  
 3           553.5041, F.S.; providing for reservation of accessible  
 4           parking spaces for persons who require extra space to exit  
 5           from or enter a motor vehicle; requiring signage;  
 6           requiring specific markings; providing a penalty;  
 7           providing an effective date.

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

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

13           553.5041   Parking spaces for persons who have  
 14   disabilities.--

15           (7) (a) 1. If a facility has five or more accessible parking  
 16 spaces pursuant to this section, at least 20 percent of such  
 17 parking spaces must be reserved for the temporary exclusive use  
 18 of persons who have disabled parking permits, who occupy a van  
 19 or other vehicle having an attached device to load or unload a  
 20 wheelchair, and who require extra space to deploy the mobility  
 21 device, lift, ramp, or other device to exit from or enter such  
 22 vehicle.

23           2. In addition to any other signage requirements under  
 24 this section or ADAAG s. 4.30, such spaces must be posted with a  
 25 yellow sign that bears a wheelchair emblem and words stating  
 26 "RESERVED FOR VANS OR VEHICLES WITH ATTACHED WHEELCHAIR DEVICES  
 27 ONLY" and stating the penalty for illegal use of the space.

28           3. The spaces must be marked to allow for entry and exit

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29 from the passenger side of the vehicles.

30 (b) A person without a disabled parking permit who parks  
31 in a space in violation of paragraph (a) is subject to a fine of  
32 \$250.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2007.