

By Senator Wise

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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 to exit from or  
enter a motor vehicle; requiring signage;  
requiring specific markings; 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)1. If a facility has five or more accessible  
parking spaces pursuant to this section, at least 20 percent  
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 to exit from or enter such  
vehicle.

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

3. The spaces must be marked to allow for entry and  
exit from the passenger side of the vehicles.

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

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

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7           SENATE SUMMARY

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

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