

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 must be  
 17   reserved for the temporary exclusive use of persons who have  
 18   disabled parking permits, who occupy a van or other vehicle  
 19   having an attached device to load or unload a wheelchair, and  
 20   who require extra space to deploy the mobility device, lift,  
 21   ramp, or other device to exit from or enter such vehicle.

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

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

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

32           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.