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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to retail establishments and shopping
3 centers; creating s. 316.1966, F.S.; requiring certain
4 parking lots to contain a minimum amount of parking
5 spaces designated for use by expectant mothers,
6 subject to certain requirements; requiring the
7 Department of Transportation to establish requirements
8 for signage and markings for such parking spaces;
9 amending s. 383.015, F.S.; requiring certain retail
10 establishments and shopping centers to provide and
11 maintain breastfeeding areas; defining the term
12 "breastfeeding area"; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 316.1966, Florida Statutes, is created
17 to read:

18 316.1966 Parking spaces for expectant mothers.-

19 (1) The parking lot of a retail establishment or shopping
20 center which contains more than 100 parking spaces must include
21 at least 1 parking space that is designated for use by expectant
22 mothers. Such a parking space must be located as closely as
23 possible to parking spaces designated for use by persons with
24 disabilities as provided in s. 553.5041; however, the location
25 of parking spaces designated for use by persons with
26 disabilities shall take precedence.

27 (2) The Department of Transportation shall establish
28 requirements for signage and markings used by the retail
29 establishment or shopping center to designate parking spaces for
30 use by expectant mothers as provided in subsection (1).

31 Section 2. Present subsection (2) of section 383.015,
32 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (3), and a new

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33 subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

34 383.015 Breastfeeding.—The breastfeeding of a baby is an
35 important and basic act of nurture which must be encouraged in
36 the interests of maternal and child health and family values,
37 and in furtherance of this goal:

38 (2) A retail establishment or shopping center having a
39 parking lot containing more than 100 parking spaces must provide
40 and maintain a breastfeeding area located in such establishment
41 or center. As used in this subsection, the term "breastfeeding
42 area" means a room or other location in a retail establishment
43 or shopping center which:

44 (a) Provides a location shielded from view and free from
45 intrusion by the public where a woman may breastfeed or express
46 breast milk;

47 (b) Has a door that can be locked;

48 (c) Includes a place to sit;

49 (d) Is readily accessible to and usable by persons with
50 disabilities, including persons who use wheelchairs, as required
51 under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

52 (e) Is not located in a restroom or dressing room.

53 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.