

By Senator Wise

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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 or
19 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 this
24 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 "VANS OR VEHICLES WITH ATTACHED WHEELCHAIR DEVICES" and stating
27 the penalty for illegal use of the space.

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

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30 (b) A person without a disabled parking permit who parks in
31 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, 2008.