

AN ACT

relating to parking privileges for veterans with disabilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 681.008(a) and (b), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A vehicle may be parked for an unlimited period in a parking space or area that is designated specifically for persons with physical disabilities if[+

~~(1)~~ the vehicle:

(1) is being operated by or for the transportation of:

(A) the person who registered the vehicle under Section 504.202(a)[+] or

~~(B)~~ a person described by Section 504.202(b) if the vehicle is registered under that subsection; and

(B) displays ~~[(2) there are displayed on the vehicle]~~ special license plates issued under Section 504.202; or

(2) displays license plates issued by another state of the United States that indicate on the face of the license plates that the owner or operator of the vehicle is a disabled veteran of the United States armed forces.

(b) A vehicle on which license plates described by Subsection (a)(2) or issued under Section 504.202 or Section 504.315(c), (d), (e), or (g) are displayed is exempt from the payment of a parking fee collected through a parking meter charged

1 by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal
2 government, when being operated by or for the transportation of:

3 (1) the person who registered the vehicle under
4 Section 504.202(a) or Section 504.315(c), (d), (e), or (g); [~~or~~]

5 (2) a person described in Section 504.202(b) if the
6 vehicle is registered under that subsection; or

7 (3) the owner or operator of a vehicle displaying
8 license plates described by Subsection (a)(2).

9 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
10 to the standing of a vehicle in a parking space or area designated
11 specifically for persons with physical disabilities on or after the
12 effective date of this Act. The standing of a vehicle in a parking
13 space or area designated specifically for persons with physical
14 disabilities before the effective date of this Act is governed by
15 the law in effect on that date, and the former law is continued in
16 effect for that purpose.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

David Newhurst

President of the Senate

John Strawn

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2020 was passed by the House on April 22, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2020 was passed by the Senate on May 12, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Ratsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

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RICK PERRY

Governor

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