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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires handicapped parking signs to include non-emergency law enforcement contact number.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning handicapped parking signs and amending
2 R.S.39:4-198.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.39:4-198 is amended to read as follows:

8 39:4-198. No ordinance, resolution, or regulation enacted,
9 passed, or adopted by local authorities nor any regulation adopted
10 by the Commissioner of Transportation under any power given by
11 this chapter or any supplement thereto shall be effective unless due
12 notice thereof is given to the public by placing a sign at the places
13 where the ordinance, resolution, or regulation is effective, and by
14 briefing its provisions on signs according to specifications
15 contained in this chapter or as specified by the current Manual on
16 Uniform Traffic Control Devices for streets and highways. These
17 signs shall be so placed as to be easily read by pedestrians or
18 operators of vehicles. Except, in the case of "No Passing" zones, in
19 lieu of or in addition to signs, notice shall be given to the public by
20 highway pavement markings which conform to the current Manual
21 on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for streets and highways.

22 In addition to the specifications in the Manual on Uniform
23 Traffic Control Devices, any sign erected after the effective date of
24 P.L.1989, c.201 to notify the public that parking in a space is
25 reserved for persons with disabilities shall also state the penalties
26 set forth in paragraph c. of subsection (3) of R.S.39:4-197 which
27 may be imposed for a violation. Signs which were erected prior to
28 the effective date shall be modified within 12 months after the
29 effective date to include the penalty information. Any sign erected
30 after the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature
31 as this bill) to notify the public that parking in a space is reserved for
32 persons with disabilities shall also provide a non-emergency phone
33 number that can be used by the public to notify appropriate law
34 enforcement entities that a space reserved for persons with disabilities
35 is occupied by a vehicle without a valid windshield placard or
36 wheelchair symbol license plates issued pursuant to P.L.1949, c.280
37 (C.39:4-204 et seq.). Signs erected prior to the effective date of
38 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall be
39 modified within 12 months after the effective date to include the non-
40 emergency phone number.

41 It shall not be a defense to the unauthorized use of a parking
42 space reserved for persons with disabilities pursuant to R.S.39:4-
43 138 that the penalties set forth in paragraph c. of subsection (3) of
44 R.S.39:4-197 were not posted or were improperly posted.
45 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.165)

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill requires new signs marking handicapped parking spaces
7 to include a phone number for local non-emergency law
8 enforcement that members of the public can use to report vehicles
9 parked in handicapped spaces that do not have handicapped parking
10 placards or wheelchair license plates visibly displayed. The bill
11 also requires spaces erected prior to the enactment of this bill to be
12 modified to include the non-emergency law enforcement phone
13 number within 12 months of the effective date of this bill.