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MELIO AND CIVERA, MARCH 2, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 2, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for handicapped and disabled
3 veterans' parking; and providing penalties.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3354(d) and (f) of Title 75 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 3354. Additional parking regulations.

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10 (d) Handicapped persons and disabled veterans.--

11 (1) When a motor vehicle bearing a handicapped or
12 severely disabled veteran plate or displaying a handicapped
13 or severely disabled veteran parking placard as prescribed in
14 this title is being operated by or for the transportation of
15 the handicapped person or severely disabled veteran, the
16 driver shall be relieved of any liability for parking for a

1 period of 60 minutes in excess of the legal parking period
2 permitted by local authorities except where local ordinances
3 or police regulations provide for the accommodation of heavy
4 traffic during morning, afternoon or evening hours.

5 (2) At the request of any handicapped person or severely
6 disabled veteran, local authorities may erect on the highway
7 as close as possible to their place of residence a sign or
8 signs indicating that that place is reserved for the
9 handicapped person or severely disabled veteran, that no
10 parking is allowed there by others, and that any unauthorized
11 person parking there shall be subject to a fine.

12 (3) Except for persons parking vehicles lawfully bearing
13 a handicapped or severely disabled veteran registration plate
14 or displaying a handicapped or severely disabled veteran
15 parking placard when such vehicles are being operated by or
16 for the transportation of a handicapped person or a severely
17 disabled veteran, no person shall park a vehicle on public or
18 private property reserved for a handicapped person or
19 severely disabled veteran which property has been so posted
20 in accordance with departmental regulations.

21 (4) Churches, hotels, hospitals, nursing homes, schools,
22 commercial stores, theaters, sports arenas, restaurants,
23 airports, shopping centers, other public buildings, and
24 apartments with interior dining facilities open to the
25 public, maintaining parking lots with 15 to 50 parking spaces
26 for the use of their customers, shall erect and maintain at
27 their own expense at least one handicapped parking space
28 which shall be marked by a sign which shall be erected and
29 maintained in accordance with departmental regulations.
30 Parking lots with more than 50 parking spaces which are

1 maintained by these entities for their customers shall have
2 4% of the parking spaces set aside and marked for use by
3 handicapped persons.

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5 (f) Penalty.--Any person violating subsection (a), (b) or
6 (d)(1) is guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon
7 conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$15. Any
8 person violating subsection (d)(2) or (3) or (e) is guilty of a
9 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay
10 a fine of not less than \$15 nor more than \$50. Any person who
11 violates subsection (d)(4) commits a summary offense and shall,
12 upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.