

**DISABLED LICENSE PLATES AMENDMENTS**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill allows a vehicle carrying a disabled veteran and equipped with a disabled veteran honor special group license plate to park in an accessible parking space.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ allows a vehicle carrying a disabled veteran and equipped with a disabled veteran honor special group license plate to park in an accessible parking space.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**41-1a-414**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 41

**41-1a-1306**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 41

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **41-1a-414** is amended to read:

**41-1a-414. Parking privileges for persons with disabilities.**

(1) As used in this section:



28 (a) "Accessible parking space" means a parking space that is clearly identified as  
29 reserved for use by a person with a disability and includes:

30 (i) vertical signage, including the international symbol of accessibility, that is visible  
31 from a passing vehicle; and

32 (ii) a clearly marked access aisle, if provided, that is adjacent to and considered part of  
33 the parking space.

34 (b) "Temporary wheelchair user placard" means the same as that term is defined in  
35 Section 41-1a-420.

36 (c) "Van accessible parking space" means an accessible parking space that is marked  
37 for use by a qualifying person with a walking disability who has a temporary wheelchair user  
38 placard or a wheelchair user placard and includes:

39 (i) vertical signage with the international symbol of accessibility and the words "van  
40 accessible" that is visible from a passing vehicle; and

41 (ii) a clearly marked access aisle that is adjacent to and considered part of the parking  
42 space.

43 (d) "Walking disability" means a physical disability that requires the use of a  
44 walking-assistive device or wheelchair or similar low-powered motorized or mechanically  
45 propelled vehicle that is specifically designed to assist a person who has a limited or impaired  
46 ability to walk.

47 (e) "Wheelchair user placard" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
48 41-1a-420.

49 (2) Except in parking areas designated for emergency use, a person with a disability,  
50 qualifying under rules made in accordance with Section 41-1a-420, may park an appropriately  
51 marked vehicle for reasonable periods without charge in metered parking zones and restricted  
52 parking areas, in a manner that allows proper access to the vehicle by the person with a  
53 disability.

54 (3) (a) Only those vehicles carrying a person with a disabled veteran honor special  
55 group license plate, disability special group license plate, temporary removable windshield  
56 placard, or removable windshield placard and transporting a qualifying person with a disability  
57 may park in an accessible parking space.

58 (b) A violation of Subsection (3)(a) is a class C misdemeanor.

59 (c) A person described in Subsection (3)(a) is encouraged to avoid parking in a van  
60 accessible parking space unless:

- 61 (i) the person has a walking disability and has a temporary wheelchair user placard;
- 62 (ii) the person has a wheelchair user placard; or
- 63 (iii) all other accessible parking spaces that are not van accessible parking spaces are  
64 occupied.

65 (4) This section applies to and may be enforced on public property and on private  
66 property that is used or intended for use by the public.

67 (5) The parking privileges granted by this section also apply to vehicles displaying a  
68 person with a disabled veteran honor special group license plate, disability special group  
69 license plate, temporary removable windshield placard, or removable windshield placard issued  
70 by another jurisdiction if displayed on a vehicle being used by a person with a disability.

71 Section 2. Section **41-1a-1306** is amended to read:

72 **41-1a-1306. Abuse of persons with disabilities parking privileges -- Revocation of**  
73 **special plate or transferable ID card -- Fine.**

74 A person with a disability who abuses the rights and privileges conferred under Section  
75 [41-1a-414](#) or allows an individual who is not a person with a disability to use those parking  
76 privileges may have the person's disability special group license plate, disabled veteran honor  
77 special group license plate, temporary removable windshield placard, removable windshield  
78 placard, temporary wheelchair user placard, or wheelchair user placard revoked by the division.