

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0104

Handicapped parking-veterans with disabilities.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Rodriguez-Williams and Burt

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; allowing veterans who
2 qualify for disabled veteran license plates to park in
3 spaces reserved for handicapped persons; making a
4 conforming amendment; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-111(b) and 31-5-501(b) and (c)
9 are amended to read:

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11 **31-5-111. Right of real property owners to prohibit**
12 **or regulate public vehicular use; handicapped parking.**

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14 (b) With the approval of the board of county
15 commissioners or the local governing body having
16 jurisdiction, the real property owner may reserve parking

1 spaces for the handicapped and disabled veterans and erect
2 signs in accordance with W.S. 31-5-501(b) and (c). The
3 signs reserving parking spaces for the handicapped under
4 this section shall be enforceable under W.S. 31-5-501(c) or
5 any existing municipal ordinance adopted by the governing
6 body of the municipality with jurisdiction.

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8 **31-5-501. Authority to place signs prohibiting,**
9 **regulating or restricting parking; handicapped parking;**
10 **obedience to signs required; free parking areas.**

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12 (b) ~~Signs~~ A sign reserving parking spaces for the
13 handicapped and disabled veterans in public places under
14 the jurisdiction of the government agencies described in
15 subsection (a) of this section or placed on private
16 property by the real property owner pursuant to W.S.
17 31-5-111 shall be constructed of durable material, contain
18 the international symbol of accessibility, be no less than
19 twelve inches (12") by eighteen inches (18") in size and be
20 placed above ground level so as to be visible at all times
21 and not be obscured by a vehicle parked in that space.

22 Signs reserving parking spaces for the handicapped and
23 disabled veterans shall be the same design and

1 construction. Parking spaces for the handicapped and
2 disabled veterans shall be located on the shortest possible
3 accessible circulation route to an accessible entrance of
4 the building. In public parking lots of ten (10) or more
5 parking spaces, at least two percent (2%) of the total
6 number of available parking spaces but not less than one
7 (1) space shall be reserved for the handicapped and
8 disabled veterans. Handicapped parking spaces shall allow
9 easy entrance and exit for wheelchairs, to include signage
10 and any cross-hatched handicapped vehicle access markings
11 that may be adjacent to the handicapped parking space, and
12 be located on a level surface.

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14 (c) The signs specified under this section and W.S.
15 31-5-111(b) shall be official signs and it is unlawful for
16 any person to willfully park a vehicle in violation of the
17 restrictions, regulations or prohibitions stated on the
18 signs. This subsection shall not prohibit use of
19 handicapped and disabled veteran parking spaces provided
20 under subsection (b) of this section by:

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22 (i) A person issued a distinctive handicapped
23 license plate or transferable identification card by

1 another state and displaying the plate or card on a vehicle
2 used by this person;

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4 (ii) A veteran who qualifies for and displays a
5 distinctive disabled veteran license plate on the veteran's
6 vehicle in accordance with W.S. 31-2-215(a). This
7 authorization to park in handicapped spaces shall only be
8 for the veteran if present in the registered vehicle.

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10 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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