



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB0098

Introduced 1/31/2007, by Sen. M. Maggie Crotty

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-301	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-301
625 ILCS 5/11-301.1	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-301.1
625 ILCS 5/11-1301.8 new	

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, if 2 or more adjacent parking spaces have been restricted, under an ordinance or regulation of a unit of local government, to use by vehicles displaying special plates or a special parking decal or device issued to a person with disabilities, at least one of those adjacent parking spaces must be restricted to use by a vehicle equipped with a wheelchair lift. Provides that if a parking space restricted to use by a vehicle equipped with a wheelchair lift is located in a parking lot, that parking space must be one of the disability parking spaces that are closest to the primary facility that the parking lot is serving. Provides that a parking restriction enacted under the new provision does not become effective until signs giving reasonable notice of the restriction have been posted. Provides that local authorities shall impose fines not exceeding \$200 for violation of parking restrictions imposed under the provision. Provides that the signs shall be in a form and manner prescribed by the Code.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 11-301 and 11-301.1 and by adding Section 11-1301.8 as  
6 follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/11-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-301)

8 Sec. 11-301. Department to adopt sign manual.

9 (a) The Department shall adopt a State manual and  
10 specifications for a uniform system of traffic-control devices  
11 consistent with this Chapter for use upon highways within this  
12 State. Such manual shall include the adoption of the R 7-8 sign  
13 adopted by the United States Department of Transportation to  
14 designate the reservation of parking facilities for a person  
15 with disabilities. Non-conforming signs in use prior to January  
16 1, 1985 shall not constitute a violation during their useful  
17 lives, which shall not be extended by other means than normal  
18 maintenance. The manual shall also specify insofar as  
19 practicable the minimum warrants justifying the use of the  
20 various traffic control devices. Such uniform system shall  
21 correlate with and, where not inconsistent with Illinois  
22 highway conditions, conform to the system set forth in the most  
23 recent edition of the national manual on Uniform Traffic

1 Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

2 (b) Signs adopted by the Department to designate the  
3 reservation of parking facilities for a person with  
4 disabilities and for a vehicle equipped with a wheelchair lift  
5 shall also exhibit, in a manner determined by the Department,  
6 the words "\$100 Fine".

7 (c) If the amount of a fine is changed, the Department  
8 shall change the design of the signs to indicate the current  
9 amount of the fine.

10 (Source: P.A. 88-685, eff. 1-24-95; 89-533, eff. 1-1-97.)

11 (625 ILCS 5/11-301.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-301.1)

12 Sec. 11-301.1. Beginning July 1, 1988 and through May 31,  
13 2008, all signs erected and used to designate the reservation  
14 of parking facilities for a person with disabilities shall be  
15 in a form and manner prescribed under Section 11-301 of this  
16 Code, and all parking spaces reserved for a person with  
17 disabilities, except those reserving on-street parking areas,  
18 shall be at least 16 feet wide. Non-conforming signs in use  
19 prior to July 1, 1988 shall not constitute a violation during  
20 their useful lives, which shall not be extended by means other  
21 than normal maintenance. Beginning June 1, 2008, all signs  
22 erected and used to designate the reservation of parking  
23 facilities for a person with disabilities or for a vehicle  
24 equipped with a wheelchair lift shall be in a form and manner  
25 prescribed under Section 11-301 of this Code, and all parking

1 spaces reserved for a person with disabilities or for a vehicle  
2 equipped with a wheelchair lift, except those reserving  
3 on-street parking areas, shall be at least 16 feet wide.  
4 Non-conforming signs in use prior to June 1, 2008 shall not  
5 constitute a violation during their useful lives, which shall  
6 not be extended by means other than normal maintenance.  
7 Beginning October 1, 1992, all parking spaces reserved for a  
8 person with disabilities, except those reserving on-street  
9 parking areas, shall be at least 16 feet wide.

10 (Source: P.A. 87-562; 88-685, eff. 1-24-95.)

11 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.8 new)

12 Sec. 11-1301.8. Reserved parking for vehicles equipped  
13 with a wheelchair lift.

14 (a) If 2 or more adjacent parking spaces have been  
15 restricted, under an ordinance or regulation of a unit of local  
16 government, to use by vehicles displaying disability plates  
17 issued under Section 3-616 or Disabled Veterans' plates issued  
18 under Section 3-609 of this Code or a special person with  
19 disabilities parking decal or device issued under Section 3-616  
20 or Section 11-1301.2, at least one of those adjacent parking  
21 spaces must be restricted to use by a vehicle equipped with a  
22 wheelchair lift.

23 (b) If a restricted parking space created under subsection  
24 (a) of this Section is located in a parking lot, that parking  
25 space must be one of the parking spaces restricted to vehicles

1 displaying special plates issued under Section 3-609 or 3-616  
2 or a parking decal or device issued under Section 3-616 or  
3 11-1301.2 that are closest to the primary facility that the  
4 parking lot is serving.

5 (c) A parking restriction enacted under subsection (a) of  
6 this Section does not become effective until signs giving  
7 reasonable notice of the parking restriction have been posted.

8 (d) Local authorities shall impose fines as established in  
9 subsection (c) of Section 11-1301.3 for violations of parking  
10 restrictions imposed under this Section.