

1 AN ACT in regard to vehicles.

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  
5 changing Section 11-1301.3 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.3)

7 Sec. 11-1301.3. Unauthorized use of parking places  
8 reserved for persons with disabilities.

9 (a) No person may ~~It shall be prohibited to~~ park any  
10 motor vehicle which is not bearing registration plates or  
11 decals issued to a person with disabilities, as defined by  
12 Section 1-159.1, pursuant to Sections 3-616, 11-1301.1 or  
13 11-1301.2, or to a disabled veteran pursuant to Section 3-609  
14 of this Act, as evidence that the vehicle is operated by or  
15 for a person with disabilities or disabled veteran, in any  
16 parking place, including any private or public offstreet  
17 parking facility, specifically reserved, by the posting of an  
18 official sign as designated under Section 11-301, for motor  
19 vehicles bearing such registration plates. It shall be  
20 prohibited to park any motor vehicle in a designated access  
21 aisle adjacent to any parking place specifically reserved for  
22 persons with disabilities, by the posting of an official sign  
23 as designated under Section 11-301, for motor vehicles  
24 bearing such registration plates. An individual with a  
25 vehicle bearing a person with disabilities license plate or  
26 parking decal or device issued to a disabled person under  
27 Sections 3-616, 11-1301.1, or 11-1301.2 is in violation of  
28 this Section if the person is not the authorized holder of a  
29 person with disabilities license plate or parking decal or  
30 device and is not transporting the authorized holder of a  
31 person with disabilities license plate or parking decal or

1 device to or from the parking location and the person uses  
2 the person with disabilities license plate or parking decal  
3 or device to exercise any privileges granted through the  
4 person with disabilities license plates or parking decals or  
5 devices under this Code. Any motor vehicle bearing a person  
6 with disabilities license plate or a person with disabilities  
7 parking decal or device containing the International symbol  
8 of access issued to persons with disabilities by any local  
9 authority, state, district, territory or foreign country  
10 shall be recognized by state and local authorities as a valid  
11 license plate or device and receive the same parking  
12 privileges as residents of this State.

13 (b) Any person or local authority owning or operating  
14 any public or private offstreet parking facility may, after  
15 notifying the police or sheriff's department, remove or cause  
16 to be removed to the nearest garage or other place of safety  
17 any vehicle parked within a stall or space reserved for use  
18 by a person with disabilities which does not display person  
19 with disabilities registration plates or a special decal or  
20 device as required under this Section.

21 (c) Any person found guilty of violating the provisions  
22 of this Section shall be fined \$100 in addition to any costs  
23 or charges connected with the removal or storage of any motor  
24 vehicle authorized under this Section; but municipalities by  
25 ordinance may impose a fine up to \$200 and shall display  
26 signs indicating the fine imposed. If the amount of the fine  
27 is subsequently changed, the municipality shall change the  
28 sign to indicate the current amount of the fine. It shall not  
29 be a defense to a charge under this Section that the sign  
30 posted pursuant to this Section does not comply with the  
31 technical requirements of Section 11-301, Department  
32 regulations, or local ordinance if a reasonable person would  
33 be made aware by the sign or notice on or near the parking  
34 place that the place is reserved for a person with

1 disabilities.

2 (d) Local authorities shall impose fines as established  
3 in subsection (c) for violations of this Section.

4 (e) As used in this Section, "authorized holder" means  
5 an individual issued a person with disabilities license plate  
6 under Section 3-616 of this Code or an individual issued a  
7 person with disabilities parking decal or device under  
8 Section 11-1301.2 of this Code.

9 (Source: P.A. 91-427, eff. 8-6-99; 92-411, eff. 1-1-02.)