

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2011 and 2012 HB5624

Introduced 2/15/2012, by Rep. Karen May

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-209 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-209
625 ILCS 5/11-1301.1 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.1
625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.3
625 ILCS 5/11-1301.5
625 ILCS 5/11-1301.9 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Removes language requiring that the local police of a municipal authority issue a parking ticket to a person who violates provisions concerning parking places reserved for persons with disabilities. Provides for the issuance of free parking stickers to certain persons with disabilities. Provides that to be eligible for a free parking sticker, a person with disabilities must present a certification from a physician that the person meets certain physical requirements. Increases the fine from \$250 to \$300 for parking in a spot reserved for persons with disabilities without authorization. Increases the fine from \$500 to \$600 for improperly using a disability license plate, decal, or device to park in a parking place reserved for a person with disabilities. Increases the fines for a violation of the Section concerning fictitious or unlawfully altered disability license plates or parking decals or devices from \$500 to \$1,000 for a first offense and from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for a second or subsequent offense. Provides that a physician who violates the Section concerning parking in a place reserved for a person with disabilities shall be fined an amount equal to double the amount of any applicable penalty.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Sections 11-209, 11-1301.1, 11-1301.3, and 11-1301.5 and by adding Section 11-1301.9 as follows:
- 7 (625 ILCS 5/11-209) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-209)
- Sec. 11-209. Powers of municipalities and counties 
  9 Contract with school boards, hospitals, churches, condominium

  10 complex unit owners' associations, and commercial and

  11 industrial facility, shopping center, and apartment complex

  12 owners for regulation of traffic.
  - (a) The corporate authorities of any municipality or the county board of any county, and a school board, hospital, church, condominium complex unit owners' association, or owner of any commercial and industrial facility, shopping center, or apartment complex which controls a parking area located within the limits of the municipality, or outside the limits of the municipality and within the boundaries of the county, may, by contract, empower the municipality or county to regulate the parking of automobiles and the traffic at such parking area. Such contract shall empower the municipality or county to accomplish all or any part of the following:

- 1. The erection of stop signs, flashing signals, person with disabilities parking area signs or yield signs at specified locations in a parking area and the adoption of appropriate regulations thereto pertaining, or the designation of any intersection in the parking area as a stop intersection or as a yield intersection and the ordering of like signs or signals at one or more entrances to such intersection, subject to the provisions of this Chapter.
  - 2. The prohibition or regulation of the turning of vehicles or specified types of vehicles at intersections or other designated locations in the parking area.
  - 3. The regulation of a crossing of any roadway in the parking area by pedestrians.
  - 4. The designation of any separate roadway in the parking area for one-way traffic.
    - 5. The establishment and regulation of loading zones.
  - 6. The prohibition, regulation, restriction or limitation of the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles in specified areas of the parking area.
  - 7. The designation of safety zones in the parking area and fire lanes.
  - 8. Providing for the removal and storage of vehicles parked or abandoned in the parking area during snowstorms, floods, fires, or other public emergencies, or found unattended in the parking area, (a) where they constitute

an obstruction to traffic, or (b) where stopping, standing or parking is prohibited, and for the payment of reasonable charges for such removal and storage by the owner or operator of any such vehicle.

- 9. Providing that the cost of planning, installation, maintenance and enforcement of parking and traffic regulations pursuant to any contract entered into under the authority of this paragraph (a) of this Section be borne by the municipality or county, or by the school board, hospital, church, property owner, apartment complex owner, or condominium complex unit owners' association, or that a percentage of the cost be shared by the parties to the contract.
- 10. Causing the installation of parking meters on the parking area and establishing whether the expense of installing said parking meters and maintenance thereof shall be that of the municipality or county, or that of the school board, hospital, church, condominium complex unit owners' association, shopping center or apartment complex owner. All moneys obtained from such parking meters as may be installed on any parking area shall belong to the municipality or county.
- 11. Causing the installation of parking signs in accordance with Section 11-301 in areas of the parking lots covered by this Section and where desired by the person contracting with the appropriate authority listed in

- paragraph (a) of this Section, indicating that such parking spaces are reserved for persons with disabilities.
  - 12. Contracting for such additional reasonable rules and regulations with respect to traffic and parking in a parking area as local conditions may require for the safety and convenience of the public or of the users of the parking area.
  - (b) No contract entered into pursuant to this Section shall exceed a period of 20 years. No lessee of a shopping center or apartment complex shall enter into such a contract for a longer period of time than the length of his lease.
  - (c) Any contract entered into pursuant to this Section shall be recorded in the office of the recorder in the county in which the parking area is located, and no regulation made pursuant to the contract shall be effective or enforceable until 3 days after the contract is so recorded.
  - (d) At such time as parking and traffic regulations have been established at any parking area pursuant to the contract as provided for in this Section, then it shall be a petty offense for any person to do any act forbidden or to fail to perform any act required by such parking or traffic regulation. If the violation is the parking in a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities under paragraph (11) of this Section, by a person without special registration plates issued to a person with disabilities, as defined by Section 1-159.1, pursuant to Section 3 616 of this Code, or to a disabled

- veteran pursuant to Section 3-609 of this Code, the local
  police of the contracting corporate municipal authorities
  shall issue a parking ticket to such parking violator and issue
  a fine in accordance with Section 11-1301.3.
  - (e) The term "shopping center", as used in this Section, means premises having one or more stores or business establishments in connection with which there is provided on privately-owned property near or contiguous thereto an area, or areas, of land used by the public as the means of access to and egress from the stores and business establishments on such premises and for the parking of motor vehicles of customers and patrons of such stores and business establishments on such premises.
  - (f) The term "parking area", as used in this Section, means an area, or areas, of land near or contiguous to a school, church, or hospital building, shopping center, apartment complex, or condominium complex, but not the public highways or alleys, and used by the public as the means of access to and egress from such buildings and the stores and business establishments at a shopping center and for the parking of motor vehicles.
  - (g) The terms "owner", "property owner", "shopping center owner", and "apartment complex owner", as used in this Section, mean the actual legal owner of the shopping center parking area or apartment complex, the trust officer of a banking institution having the right to manage and control such

- property, or a person having the legal right, through lease or otherwise, to manage or control the property.
- 3 (g-5) The term "condominium complex unit owners'
  4 association", as used in this Section, means a "unit owners'
  5 association" as defined in Section 2 of the Condominium
  6 Property Act.
  - (h) The term "fire lane", as used in this Section, means travel lanes for the fire fighting equipment upon which there shall be no standing or parking of any motor vehicle at any time so that fire fighting equipment can move freely thereon.
  - (i) The term "apartment complex", as used in this Section, means premises having one or more apartments in connection with which there is provided on privately-owned property near or contiguous thereto an area, or areas, of land used by occupants of such apartments or their guests as a means of access to and egress from such apartments or for the parking of motor vehicles of such occupants or their guests.
  - (j) The term "condominium complex", as used in this Section, means the units, common elements, and limited common elements that are located on the parcels, as those terms are defined in Section 2 of the Condominium Property Act.
  - (k) The term "commercial and industrial facility", as used in this Section, means a premises containing one or more commercial and industrial facility establishments in connection with which there is provided on privately-owned property near or contiguous to the premises an area or areas of

- land used by the public as the means of access to and egress
- 2 from the commercial and industrial facility establishment on
- 3 the premises and for the parking of motor vehicles of
- 4 customers, patrons, and employees of the commercial and
- 5 industrial facility establishment on the premises.
- 6 (1) The provisions of this Section shall not be deemed to
- 7 prevent local authorities from enforcing, on private property,
- 8 local ordinances imposing fines, in accordance with Section
- 9 11-1301.3, as penalties for use of any parking place reserved
- 10 for persons with disabilities, as defined by Section 1-159.1,
- or disabled veterans by any person using a motor vehicle not
- bearing registration plates specified in Section 11-1301.1 or a
- 13 special decal or device as defined in Section 11-1301.2 as
- evidence that the vehicle is operated by or for a person with
- 15 disabilities or disabled veteran.
- This amendatory Act of 1972 is not a prohibition upon the
- 17 contractual and associational powers granted by Article VII,
- 18 Section 10 of the Illinois Constitution.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 95-167, eff. 1-1-08; 96-79, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 20 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.1)
- 21 Sec. 11-1301.1. Persons with disabilities Parking
- 22 privileges Exemptions. A motor vehicle bearing registration
- 23 plates issued to a person with disabilities, as defined by
- Section 1-159.1, pursuant to Section 3-616 or to a disabled
- 25 veteran pursuant to Section 3-609 or a special decal or device

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issued pursuant to Section 3-616 or pursuant to Section 11-1301.2 of this Code or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction, state, district, territory or foreign country upon which is displayed a registration plate, special decal or device issued by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle is operated by or for a person with disabilities shall be exempt from the payment of parking meter fees and exempt from any statute or ordinance imposing time limitations on parking, except limitations of one-half hour or less, on any street or highway zone, or any parking lot or parking place which are owned, leased or owned and leased by a municipality or a municipal parking utility; and shall be recognized by state and local authorities as a valid license plate or parking device and shall receive the same parking privileges as residents of this State; but, such vehicle shall be subject to the laws which prohibit parking in "no stopping" and "no standing" zones in front of or near fire hydrants, driveways, public building entrances and exits, bus stops and loading areas, and is prohibited from parking where the motor vehicle constitutes a traffic hazard, whereby such motor vehicle shall be moved at the instruction and request of a law enforcement officer to a location designated by the officer. Any motor vehicle bearing registration plates or a special decal or device specified in this Section or in Section 3-616 of this Code or such parking device as specifically authorized in Section 11-1301.2 as evidence that the vehicle is operated by or for a person with

disabilities or disabled veteran may park, in addition to any other lawful place, in any parking place specifically reserved for such vehicles by the posting of an official sign as provided under Section 11-301. Parking privileges granted by this Section are strictly limited to the person to whom the special registration plates, special decal or device were issued and to qualified operators acting under his express direction while the person with disabilities is present. A person to whom privileges were granted shall, at the request of a police officer or any other person invested by law with authority to direct, control, or regulate traffic, present an identification card with a picture as verification that the person is the person to whom the special registration plates, special decal or device was issued.

Such parking privileges granted by this Section are also extended to motor vehicles of not-for-profit organizations used for the transportation of persons with disabilities when such motor vehicles display the decal or device issued pursuant to Section 11-1301.2 of this Code.

No person shall use any area for the parking of any motor vehicle pursuant to Section 11-1303 of this Code or where an official sign controlling such area expressly prohibits parking at any time or during certain hours.

Except as provided under Section 11-1301.9 of this Code, no person shall be exempt from the payment of fees generated by parking in a metered space or in a publicly owned parking

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- 1 <u>structure or area.</u>
- 2 (Source: P.A. 95-167, eff. 1-1-08; 96-79, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 3 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.3)
- Sec. 11-1301.3. Unauthorized use of parking places reserved for persons with disabilities.
  - (a) It shall be prohibited to park any motor vehicle which is not properly displaying registration plates or decals issued to a person with disabilities, as defined by Section 1-159.1, pursuant to Sections 3-616, 11-1301.1 or 11-1301.2, or to a disabled veteran pursuant to Section 3-609 of this Act, as evidence that the vehicle is operated by or for a person with disabilities or disabled veteran, in any parking place, including any private or public offstreet parking facility, specifically reserved, by the posting of an official sign as designated under Section 11-301, for motor vehicles displaying such registration plates. It shall be prohibited to park any motor vehicle in a designated access aisle adjacent to any parking place specifically reserved for persons disabilities, by the posting of an official sign as designated under Section 11-301, for motor vehicles displaying such registration plates. When using the parking privileges for persons with disabilities, the parking decal or device must be displayed properly in the vehicle where it is clearly visible to law enforcement personnel, either hanging from the rearview mirror or placed on the dashboard of the vehicle in clear view.

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Disability license plates and parking decals and devices are not transferable from person to person. Proper usage of the disability license plate or parking decal or device requires the authorized holder to be present and enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used. It is a violation of this Section to park in a space reserved for a person with disabilities if the authorized holder of the disability license plate or parking decal or device does not enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used. Any motor vehicle properly displaying a disability license plate or a parking decal or device containing the International symbol of access issued to persons with disabilities by any local authority, state, district, territory or foreign country shall be recognized by State and local authorities as a valid license plate or device and receive the same parking privileges as residents of this State.

(a-1) An individual with a vehicle displaying disability license plates or a parking decal or device issued to a qualified person with a disability under Sections 3-616, 11-1301.1, or 11-1301.2 or to a disabled veteran under Section 3-609 is in violation of this Section if (i) the person using the disability license plate or parking decal or device is not the authorized holder of the disability license plate or parking decal or device holder of the disability license plate or device or is not transporting the authorized holder of the disability license plate or parking decal or device to or from the parking location and (ii) the person uses

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- the disability license plate or parking decal or device to exercise any privileges granted through the disability license plate or parking decals or devices under this Code.
  - (b) Any person or local authority owning or operating any public or private offstreet parking facility may, after notifying the police or sheriff's department, remove or cause to be removed to the nearest garage or other place of safety any vehicle parked within a stall or space reserved for use by a person with disabilities which does not display person with disabilities registration plates or a special decal or device as required under this Section.
  - (c) Except as provided in subsection (c-3) of this Section, a Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of subsection (a) shall be fined \$300 \$250 in addition to any costs or charges connected with the removal or storage of any motor vehicle authorized under this Section; but municipalities by ordinance may impose a fine up to \$350 and shall display signs indicating the fine imposed. If the amount of the fine is subsequently changed, the municipality shall change the sign to indicate the current amount of the fine. It shall not be a defense to a charge under this Section that either the sign posted pursuant to this Section or the intended accessible parking place does not comply with the technical requirements of Section 11-301, Department regulations, or local ordinance if a reasonable person would be made aware by the sign or notice on or near the parking place that the place

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- is reserved for a person with disabilities.
- 2 (c-1) Except as provided in subsection (c-3) of this 3 Section, a Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of subsection (a-1) a first time shall be fined \$600 \$500. Any 4 5 person found quilty of violating subsection (a-1) a second time 6 shall be fined \$750. Any person found guilty of violating 7 subsection (a-1) a third or subsequent time shall be fined \$1,000. The circuit clerk shall distribute 50% of the fine 8 imposed on any person who is found guilty of or pleads guilty 9 10 to violating this Section, including any person placed on court 11 supervision for violating this Section, to the law enforcement 12 agency that issued the citation or made the arrest. If more 13 than one law enforcement agency is responsible for issuing the citation or making the arrest, the 50% of the fine imposed 14 shall be shared equally. If an officer of the Secretary of 15 16 State Department of Police arrested a person for a violation of 17 this Section, 50% of the fine imposed shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Police Services Fund. 18
- 19 <u>(c-3) A physician who commits a violation of this Section</u>
  20 <u>shall fined an amount equal to double the amount of any</u>
  21 applicable penalty.
  - (d) Local authorities shall impose fines as established in subsections (c), and (c-1), and (c-3) for violations of this Section.
- 25 (e) As used in this Section, "authorized holder" means an 26 individual issued a disability license plate under Section

- 1 3-616 of this Code, an individual issued a parking decal or
- device under Section 11-1301.2 of this Code, or an individual
- 3 issued a disabled veteran's license plate under Section 3-609
- 4 of this Code.
- 5 (f) Any person who commits a violation of subsection (a-1)
- 6 may have his or her driving privileges suspended or revoked by
- 7 the Secretary of State for a period of time determined by the
- 8 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may also suspend or
- 9 revoke the disability license plates or parking decal or device
- 10 for a period of time determined by the Secretary of State.
- 11 (g) Any police officer may seize the parking decal or
- device from any person who commits a violation of this Section.
- Any police officer may seize the disability license plate upon
- 14 authorization from the Secretary of State. Any police officer
- 15 may request that the Secretary of State revoke the parking
- decal or device or the disability license plate of any person
- 17 who commits a violation of this Section.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 95-167, eff. 1-1-08; 95-430, eff. 6-1-08; 95-876,
- 19 eff. 8-21-08; 96-72, eff. 1-1-10; 96-79, eff. 1-1-10; 96-962,
- 20 eff. 7-2-10; 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10.)
- 21 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.5)
- Sec. 11-1301.5. Fictitious or unlawfully altered
- 23 disability license plate or parking decal or device.
- 24 (a) As used in this Section:
- 25 "Fictitious disability license plate or parking decal or

device" means any issued disability license plate or parking decal or device, or any license plate issued to a disabled veteran under Section 3-609 of this Code, or a free parking sticker issued under Section 11-1301.9 of this Code, that has been issued by the Secretary of State or an authorized unit of local government that was issued based upon false information contained on the required application.

"False information" means any incorrect or inaccurate information concerning the name, date of birth, social security number, driver's license number, physician certification, or any other information required on the Persons with Disabilities Certification for Plate or Parking Placard, on the Application for Replacement Disability Parking Placard, er on the application for license plates issued to disabled veterans under Section 3-609 of this Code, or on the application for a free parking sticker under Section 11-1301.9 of this Code, that falsifies the content of the application.

"Unlawfully altered disability license plate or parking permit or device" means any disability license plate or parking permit or device, er any license plate issued to a disabled veteran under Section 3-609 of this Code, or a free parking sticker issued under Section 11-1301.9 of this Code issued by the Secretary of State or an authorized unit of local government that has been physically altered or changed in such manner that false information appears on the license plate or parking decal or device.

"Authorized holder" means an individual issued a
disability license plate under Section 3-616 of this Code or an
individual issued a parking decal or device under Section
11-1301.2 of this Code, or an individual issued a disable
veteran's license plate under Section 3-609 of this Code, or an
individual issued a free parking sticker under Section
11-1301.9 of this Code.

- (b) It is a violation of this Section for any person:
- (1) to knowingly possess any fictitious or unlawfully altered disability license plate or parking decal or device;
- (2) to knowingly issue or assist in the issuance of, by the Secretary of State or unit of local government, any fictitious disability license plate or parking decal or device;
- (3) to knowingly alter any disability license plate or parking decal or device;
- (4) to knowingly manufacture, possess, transfer, or provide any documentation used in the application process whether real or fictitious, for the purpose of obtaining a fictitious disability license plate or parking decal or device;
- (5) to knowingly provide any false information to the Secretary of State or a unit of local government in order to obtain a disability license plate or parking decal or device; or

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1 (6) to knowingly transfer a disability license plate or 2 parking decal or device for the purpose of exercising the 3 privileges granted to an authorized holder of a disability 4 license plate or parking decal or device under this Code in

the absence of the authorized holder.

## (c) Sentence.

- (1) Any person convicted of a violation of paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of subsection (b) of this Section shall be quilty of a Class A misdemeanor and fined not less than  $$1,000 $\frac{$500}{}$  for a first offense and shall be quilty of a Class 4 felony and fined not less than \$2,000 \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense. Any person convicted of a violation of subdivision (b)(6) of this Section is quilty of a Class A misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$1,000 \$ \$500 for a first offense and not less than  $$2,000 \ $1,000$  for a second or subsequent offense. The circuit clerk shall distribute one-half of any fine imposed on any person who is found guilty of or pleads quilty to violating this Section, including any person placed on court supervision for violating this Section, to the law enforcement agency that issued the citation or made the arrest. If more than one law enforcement agency is responsible for issuing the citation or making the arrest, one-half of the fine imposed shall be shared equally.
- (2) Any person who commits a violation of this Section may have his or her driving privileges suspended or revoked

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by the Secretary of State for a period of time determined by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may suspend or revoke the parking decal or device or the disability license plate of any person who commits a violation of this Section.

- (3) Any police officer may seize the parking decal or device from any person who commits a violation of this Section. Any police officer may seize the disability license plate upon authorization from the Secretary of State. Any police officer may request that the Secretary of State revoke the parking decal or device or the disability license plate of any person who commits a violation of this Section.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 95-167, eff. 1-1-08; 96-79, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 15 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.9 new)
- Sec. 11-1301.9. Free parking for certain persons with disabilities.
- (a) To be entitled to free parking in a metered space or in

  a publicly owned parking structure or area, a vehicle must

  properly display a free parking sticker issued under this

  Section. The Secretary of State shall issue a free parking

  sticker to any person who meets the eligibility criteria

  contained in this Section.
- 24 (b) The Secretary shall issue a free parking sticker to any 25 person with disabilities, as defined by Section 1-159.1, who

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1	has been issued registration plates under Section 3-616 or
2	3-609 of this Code or a special decal or device under Section
3	3-616 or 11-1301.2 of this Code, who is unable to do one or
4	more of the following:
5	(1) manage, manipulate, or insert coins, or obtain
6	tickets or tokens in parking meters or ticket machines in
7	parking lots or parking structures, due to the lack of fine
8	motor control of both hands;
9	(2) reach above his or her head to a height of 42
10	inches from the ground, due to a lack of finger, hand, or
11	upper extremity strength or mobility;
12	(3) approach a parking meter due to his or her use of a
13	wheelchair or other device; and
14	(4) walk more than 20 feet due to an orthopedic,
15	neurological, cardiovascular, or lung condition in which
16	the degree of debilitation is so severe that it almost
17	completely impedes the ability to walk.
18	(c) An application for a free parking sticker based upon
19	the physical conditions listed in subsection (b) shall contain
20	a statement, certified by a licensed physician, attesting to
21	the nature and estimated duration of the applicant's disabling
22	condition and verifying that the applicant qualifies for a free

(d) The Secretary may issue to a person with a temporary

disability a temporary windshield placard that is valid for a

period of not more than 6 months. The Secretary may issue to a

- 1 person with a permanent disability an original or renewal
- 2 permanent windshield placard that is valid for 4 years.