

SENATE, No. 3857

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires certain parking lots to have minimum two percent of total spaces designated for individuals with children.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning parking spaces for individuals with children in
2 certain parking lots and supplementing chapter 4 of Title 39 of
3 the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. A person owning or controlling a shopping center or
9 grocery store parking lot containing more than 100 off-street
10 parking spaces and that is open to the public or to which the public
11 is invited shall dedicate parking spaces for individuals with children
12 not more than 12 years of age.

13 b. A minimum of two percent of the total number of parking
14 spaces in a parking lot described in a subsection a. of this section
15 shall be designated for individuals with children. Parking spots
16 designated pursuant to this subsection shall be located in an area of
17 the parking lot that is most accessible and proximate to the
18 shopping center or grocery store, as determined by the property
19 owner, provided that the parking spaces for individuals with
20 children shall not be closer or more proximate to the shopping
21 center or grocery store than any parking spaces designated for use
22 by handicapped persons.

23 c. Each parking space designated pursuant to subsection b. of
24 this section shall be identified with a clearly visible sign that shall
25 be in a form determined by the Chief Administrator of the Motor
26 Vehicle Commission and shall be distinct from any signage
27 designating a parking space for use by handicapped persons.

28 d. An individual shall not park a vehicle in a parking space
29 designated for individuals with children unless the individual is
30 accompanied by a child not more than 12 years of age.

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32 2. The Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission
33 shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the
34 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
35 seq.) to effectuate the purposes of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
36 before the Legislature as this bill), which shall include establishing
37 a fine for individuals who violate the provisions of subsection d. of
38 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
39 as this bill).

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41 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
42 next following enactment.

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45 STATEMENT

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47 This bill provides that a person owning or controlling a shopping
48 center or grocery store parking lot with more than 100 off-street

1 parking spaces and that is open to the public or to which the public
2 is invited is to dedicate parking spaces for individuals who are
3 parking with children not more than 12 years of age.

4 The bill provides that a minimum of two percent of the total
5 number of parking spaces in those parking lots are to be designated
6 for individuals with children, in an area of the parking lot that is
7 most accessible and proximate to the shopping center or grocery
8 store, as specified in the bill.

9 Each parking space designated for individuals with children
10 pursuant to the bill is to be identified with a clearly visible sign that
11 is to be in a form determined by the Chief Administrator of the
12 Motor Vehicle Commission and is to be distinct from any signage
13 designating a parking space for use by handicapped persons.

14 The bill provides that an individual is not to park a vehicle in a
15 parking space designated for individuals with children unless the
16 individual is accompanied by a child not more than 12 years of age.

17 The bill directs the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle
18 Commission to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the
19 designation of parking spaces pursuant to the bill, which is to
20 include establishing a fine for individuals who violate the
21 provisions of the bill.