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SYNOPSIS

Establishes special parking for hybrid, electric, and alternative fuel vehicles.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning parking and supplementing chapter 4 of Title
2 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. A person who owns or controls a parking area with 100 or
8 more parking spaces which is open to the public or to which the
9 public is invited shall provide parking spaces for hybrid, electric,
10 and alternative fuel vehicles as follows:

11 a. A minimum of five percent of the total number of parking
12 spaces shall be provided in an area of the parking facility which is
13 most accessible and approximate to any building or feature which
14 the facility serves, provided however that these spaces shall not be
15 closer or more approximate to the building or feature than any
16 parking spaces designated for use by handicapped persons.

17 b. Each space or group of spaces shall be outlined in green
18 paint and shall be identified with a clearly visible sign displaying
19 the following wording, printed in green: "Hybrid and Alternatives
20 Parking Only."

21 c. Any parking space set aside pursuant to this section shall be
22 separate and distinct from any parking space designated for use by
23 handicapped persons.

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25 2. a. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
26 Vehicle Commission shall issue window stickers, of a size and
27 design as shall be determined by the chief administrator, which
28 shall be affixed to the driver's side of the vehicle's rear window to
29 identify vehicles which may be parked in parking spaces designated
30 for parking hybrid, electric, and alternative fuel vehicles, as
31 follows:

32 (1) vehicles which use diesel fuel shall not be issued window
33 stickers identifying them as vehicles which may be parked in
34 parking spaces designated for parking hybrid, electric, and
35 alternative fuel vehicles.

36 (2) within the first two years following the enactment of
37 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
38 hybrid, electric, and alternative fuel vehicles which achieve a
39 minimum fuel efficiency rating of 45 miles per gallon shall be
40 eligible for window stickers identifying them as vehicles which may
41 be parked in parking spaces designated for parking hybrid, electric,
42 and alternative fuel vehicles. Window stickers issued pursuant to
43 this paragraph shall only be valid until the first day of the third year
44 following the enactment of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
45 the Legislature as this bill).

46 (3) on the first day of the third year following the enactment of
47 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
48 and thereafter, only hybrid, electric, and alternative fuel vehicles

1 which meet 163 percent of the Corporate Average Fuel Economy
2 standards set by the National Highway Traffic Safety
3 Administration shall be eligible for window stickers identifying
4 them as vehicles which may be parked in parking spaces designated
5 for parking hybrid, electric, and alternative fuel vehicles.

6 b. The list of vehicles which are eligible for window stickers
7 identifying them as vehicles which may be parked in parking spaces
8 designated for parking hybrid, electric, and alternative fuel vehicles
9 shall be reviewed annually by the chief administrator, in order to
10 add or remove vehicles manufactured by major automakers and
11 ensure they meet the requirements. A driver of a vehicle that meets
12 the requirements of subsection a. of this section may apply to the
13 chief administrator to have that vehicle model added to the list of
14 eligible vehicles, if that vehicle is not already included on the list.

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16 3. A person shall not park a vehicle in a parking space
17 designated for parking hybrid, electric, and alternative fuel vehicles
18 unless that vehicle is eligible for a window sticker identifying it as a
19 vehicle which may be parked in such a designated spot and a
20 window sticker is affixed to the driver's side of the vehicle's rear
21 window. A violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of not
22 more than \$250.

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24 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the 19th month
25 next following enactment, and shall remain in effect for 10 years,
26 during which time the chief administrator shall provide the
27 Legislature with information related to the implementation of this
28 act for the purposes of its evaluation.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill would establish a pilot program through which electric,
34 hybrid, and alternative fuel vehicles would be eligible to be parked
35 in special and convenient parking spaces.

36 Under this bill, a parking area with 100 or more parking spaces
37 would have to include five percent designated parking spaces for
38 hybrid, electric, and alternative fuel vehicles. These spaces would
39 be the most accessible, after those designated for use by
40 handicapped persons. The spaces would have to be outlined in
41 green paint and identified with a sign displaying "Hybrid and
42 Alternatives Parking Only" in green.

43 The bill directs the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
44 Vehicle Commission to issue window stickers to identify vehicles
45 which may be parked in parking spaces designated for hybrid,
46 electric, and alternative fuel vehicles, and outlines the standards for
47 eligible vehicles. Drivers of vehicles parked in these spaces without
48 a sticker would be subject to a \$250 fine.

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1 The bill would be effective for 10 years, during which time the
2 chief administrator would provide the Legislature with relevant
3 information for its evaluation.