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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits municipalities from requiring certain plan approval related to addition of up to five van accessible parking spaces to existing parking facilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on October 29, 2026.

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AN ACT concerning van accessible parking spaces and amending P.L.1977, c.202.

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

1. Section 1 of P.L.1977, c.202 (C.39:4-197.5) is amended to read as follows:

1. a. **[**Any**]** A municipality may, by ordinance, resolution, or regulation, establish restricted parking spaces in front of residences, schools, hospitals and other public buildings and in shopping and business districts for use by persons who have been issued special vehicle identification cards by the Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-205), when using a motor vehicle on which is displayed a certificate, for which a special vehicle identification card has been issued, pursuant to section 3 of **[**said law**]** P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-206).

b. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, and consistent with federal law, a municipality shall not require approval of a minor site plan or site plan, as defined in sections 3.2 and 3.4 of P.L.1975, c.291 (C.40:55D-5 and C.40:55D-7), respectively, or any other approval required by an approving authority or enforcing agency pursuant to P.L.1975, c.291 (C.40:55D-1 et seq.) or P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.), that is solely for an improvement to an existing parking lot or parking structure within a commercial zone to provide up to five van accessible parking spaces that meet the criteria established by chapter five of the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, or its successor [1], unless the improvement to provide additional spaces reduces the total number of existing parking spaces that were required by ordinance and incorporated into an original site plan approval[1].

(2) For the purposes of this subsection:

"2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design" means the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design published by the United States Department of Justice on September 15, 2010;

"Van accessible" means an accessible parking space that is wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair lift or ramp, has higher vertical clearance specifications, and requires a sign identifying the space as van accessible.

(cf: P.L.1980, c.178, s.2)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
[1]Assembly floor amendments adopted October 29, 2026.