

Senate Bill No. 338—Senator Rawson

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to traffic laws; providing for the exclusive use of certain parking spaces designated for the handicapped by certain vehicles; prohibiting persons from parking in certain spaces; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 484.408 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.408 1. Any parking space designated for the handicapped must be indicated by a sign:

(a) Bearing the international symbol of access with or without the words “Parking,” “Handicapped Parking,” “Handicapped Parking Only,” or “Reserved for the Handicapped,” or any other word or combination of words indicating that the space is designated for the handicapped;

(b) Stating “Minimum fine of \$100 for use by others” or equivalent words; and

(c) The bottom of which must be not less than 4 feet above the ground.

2. *In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, a parking space designated for the handicapped which:*

(a) Is designed for the exclusive use of a vehicle with a side-loading wheelchair lift; and

(b) Is located in a parking lot with 60 or more parking spaces, must be indicated by a sign using a combination of words to state that the space is for the exclusive use of a vehicle with a side-loading wheelchair lift.

3. *If a parking space is designed for the use of a vehicle with a side-loading wheelchair lift, the space which is immediately adjacent and intended for use in the loading and unloading of a wheelchair into or out of such a vehicle must be indicated by a sign:*

(a) Stating “No Parking” or similar words which indicate that parking in such a space is prohibited;

(b) Stating “Minimum fine of \$100 for violation” or similar words indicating that the minimum fine for parking in such a space is \$100; and

(c) The bottom of which must not be less than 4 feet above the ground.

4. A person shall not park a vehicle in a space designated for the handicapped by a sign that meets the requirements of subsection 1, whether on public or privately owned property, unless he is eligible to do so and the vehicle displays:

(a) Special license plates issued pursuant to NRS 482.384;

(b) A special or temporary parking placard issued pursuant to NRS 482.384;

(c) Special license plates or a special or temporary parking placard displaying the international symbol of access issued by another state or a foreign country; or

(d) Special license plates for a disabled veteran and a special parking placard issued pursuant to NRS 482.384.

~~[3.]~~ 5. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person shall not park a vehicle in a space that is reserved for the exclusive use of a vehicle with a side-loading wheelchair lift and is designated for the handicapped by a sign that meets the requirements of subsection 2, whether on public or privately owned property, unless:*

(a) He is eligible to do so;

(b) The vehicle displays the special license plates or placard set forth in subsection 4; and

(c) The vehicle is equipped with a side-loading wheelchair lift.

A person who meets the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) may park a vehicle that is not equipped with a side-loading wheelchair lift in such a parking space if the space is in a parking lot with fewer than 60 parking spaces.

6. *A person shall not park in a space which:*

(a) Is immediately adjacent to a space designed for use by a vehicle with a side-loading wheelchair lift; and

(b) Is designated as a space in which parking is prohibited by a sign that meets the requirements of subsection 3, whether on public or privately owned property.

7. A person shall not use ~~[such]~~ a plate or placard ~~[for a vehicle]~~ set forth in subsection 4 to park in a space designated for the handicapped unless he is a person with a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, a disabled veteran or the driver of a vehicle in which such a person is a passenger.

~~[4.]~~ 8. A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished:

(a) Upon the first offense, by a fine of \$100.

(b) Upon the second offense, by a fine of \$250 and not less than 8 hours, but not more than 50 hours, of community service.

(c) Upon the third or subsequent offense, by a fine of not less than \$500, but not more than \$1,000 and not less than 25 hours, but not more than 100 hours, of community service.

Sec. 2. The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses that are committed before October 1, 1999.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 1999.