



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 828

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 349.13 (1m); *to renumber and amend* 346.503 (2m); *to*
2 *amend* 346.503 (3) and 346.503 (4); and *to create* 346.503 (1m) (ag), 346.503
3 (1m) (am), 346.503 (2m) (b) and 349.13 (1m) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:**
4 parking spaces reserved for persons with physical disabilities.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

5 **SECTION 1g.** 346.503 (1m) (ag) of the statutes is created to read:
6 346.503 (**1m**) (ag) Notwithstanding s. 101.13 (2) (a) and (d), the requirement
7 under par. (a) applies to any owner or lessee of any public building or place of
8 employment, and to any owner or lessee of any parking facility that offers parking
9 to the public, with respect to any parking area initially constructed, or reconstructed,
10 resurfaced, or seal coated, on or after May 27, 1976.

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1 **Section 1m.** 346.503 (1m) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

2 346.503 (1m) (am) If the number of the parking spaces reserved under par. (a)
3 or (e) is at least 4 but less than 20, at least one of these reserved parking spaces shall
4 have an access aisle immediately adjacent to the parking space to provide entry to
5 and exit from vehicles by persons with physical disabilities. If the number of the
6 parking spaces reserved under par. (a) or (e) is 20 or more, at least 10 percent of these
7 reserved parking spaces shall have an access aisle immediately adjacent to the
8 parking space to provide entry to and exit from vehicles by persons with physical
9 disabilities. The access aisle shall be at least 96 inches wide and clearly marked.
10 This paragraph applies only to parking areas that are initially constructed, or
11 reconstructed, resurfaced, or seal coated, after the effective date of this paragraph
12 [LRB inserts date], and that have adequate clearance for lift van access.

13 **SECTION 2.** 346.503 (2m) of the statutes is renumbered 346.503 (2m) (a) and
14 amended to read:

15 346.503 (2m) (a) In addition to the requirements of sub. (1m), the owner or
16 lessee of a parking facility not open to the public and the owner or lessee of a parking
17 facility which offers parking for 25 or fewer motor vehicles to the public may reserve
18 one or more spaces as provided under sub. (1m) (b) and (c) for use by a motor vehicle
19 used by a physically disabled person. An owner or lessee reserving spaces under this
20 subsection paragraph shall post official traffic signs indicating that the spaces are
21 reserved.

22 **SECTION 3.** 346.503 (2m) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

23 346.503 (2m) (b) If the number of parking spaces reserved under par. (a) is at
24 least 4 but less than 20, at least one of these reserved parking spaces shall have an
25 access aisle immediately adjacent to the parking space to provide entry to and exit

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1 from vehicles by persons with physical disabilities. If the number of the parking
2 spaces reserved under par. (a) is 20 or more, at least 10 percent of these reserved
3 parking spaces shall have an access aisle immediately adjacent to the parking space
4 to provide entry to and exit from vehicles by persons with physical disabilities. The
5 access aisle shall be at least 96 inches wide and clearly marked. This paragraph
6 applies only to parking areas that are initially constructed, or reconstructed,
7 resurfaced, or seal coated, after the effective date of this paragraph [LRB inserts
8 date], and that have adequate clearance for lift van access.

9 **SECTION 4.** 346.503 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 346.503 (3) The official traffic sign shall include the international symbol for
11 barrier-free environments and a statement to inform the public that the parking
12 space is reserved for vehicles designated under sub. (1m) or (2m). If the reserved
13 parking space has an adjacent access aisle required under sub. (1m) (am) or (2m) (b),
14 the official traffic sign shall also identify the reserved parking space as “lift van
15 accessible only” and shall comply with the manual of uniform traffic control devices
16 adopted by the department under s. 84.02 (4) (e).

17 **SECTION 5.** 346.503 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 346.503 (4) The department, after consulting with the department of safety
19 and professional services, shall promulgate rules governing the design, size, and
20 installation of the official traffic signs required under sub. (2) or (2m) (a).

21 **SECTION 6.** 349.13 (1m) of the statutes is renumbered 349.13 (1m) (a).

22 **SECTION 7.** 349.13 (1m) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

23 349.13 (1m) (b) For each parking facility in which the department or a local
24 authority reserves at least 4 but less than 20 parking spaces under par. (a) by
25 prohibiting parking, stopping, or standing of vehicles other than those vehicles

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1 identified in par. (a), at least one of these reserved parking spaces shall have an
2 access aisle immediately adjacent to the parking space to provide entry to and exit
3 from vehicles by persons with physical disabilities. For each parking facility in
4 which the department or a local authority reserves 20 or more parking spaces under
5 par. (a) by prohibiting parking, stopping, or standing of vehicles other than those
6 vehicles identified in par. (a), at least 10 percent of these reserved parking spaces
7 shall have an access aisle immediately adjacent to the parking space to provide entry
8 to and exit from vehicles by persons with physical disabilities. The access aisle shall
9 be at least 96 inches wide and clearly marked. If a reserved parking space has an
10 adjacent access aisle required under this paragraph, the official traffic sign specified
11 in par. (a) shall also identify the reserved parking space as “lift van accessible only”
12 and shall comply with the manual of uniform traffic control devices adopted by the
13 department under s. 84.02 (4) (e). This paragraph applies only to parking facilities
14 that are initially constructed, or reconstructed, resurfaced, or seal coated, after the
15 effective date of this paragraph [LRB inserts date], and that have adequate
16 clearance for lift van access.

SECTION 7m. Initial applicability.

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18 (1) The treatment of section 346.503 (1m) (ag) of the statutes first applies with
19 respect to parking areas initially constructed, or reconstructed, resurfaced, or seal
20 coated, on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 8. Effective date.

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22 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after
23 publication.

24 (END)