

**CHAPTER 255 , Laws of 1981**

AN ACT to amend 346.50 (2a) (intro.) and (3), 346.505, 346.55 (5) and 349.13 (1m); and to create 341.14 (7), 343.51 (3), 346.50 (2a) (h) and 346.503 of the statutes, relating to handicapped parking in parking lots, granting rule-making authority and creating a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 341.14 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

341.14 (7) The department shall disseminate information to all applicants for registration plates under sub. (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) relating to the parking privileges granted under s. 346.50 (2), (2a) or (3) and their right to request enforcement of s. 346.505.

SECTION 2. 343.51 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

343.51 (3) The department shall disseminate information to all applicants for a special identification card under sub. (1) relating to the parking privileges granted under s. 346.50 (2), (2a) or (3) and their right to request enforcement of s. 346.505.

SECTION 3. 346.50 (2a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 (2a) (intro.) An automobile or motor home bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1a), (1m) or (1q) or a motor vehicle upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking in any street or highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased, or both municipally owned and leased or a parking place owned or leased, or both owned and leased by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more limitation but otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time limitation on a metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required. Parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the following:

SECTION 4. 346.50 (2a) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

346.50 (2a) (h) A qualified operator of a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person if the vehicle is transporting the disabled person for whom the plate, card or emblem was issued.

SECTION 5. 346.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.50 (3) A vehicle bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or a motor vehicle upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person is exempt from s. 346.505 or any ordinance in conformity therewith prohibiting parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for handicapped persons by official traffic signs, distinct markers or parking meters indicating the restriction. Stopping, standing and parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the persons listed under sub. (2) and (2a) (a) to ~~(g)~~ (h).

SECTION 6. 346.50 (3) of the statutes, as affected by chapter .... (this act), laws of 1981, is amended to read:

346.50 (3) A vehicle bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or a motor vehicle upon which a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued by the other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person is exempt from s. 346.505 or any ordinance in conformity therewith prohibiting parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for handicapped persons by official traffic signs, ~~distinct markers or parking meters~~ indicating the restriction. Stopping, standing and parking privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the persons listed under sub. (2) and (2a) (a) to (h).

SECTION 7. 346.503 of the statutes is created to read:

**346.503 Parking spaces for vehicles displaying special registration plates or special identification cards.** (1) In addition to any requirements relating to parking spaces established by the department of industry, labor and human relations under s. 101.13, the owner or lessee of any parking facility which offers parking for 50 or more motor vehicles to the general public shall reserve one or more parking spaces for use by a motor vehicle with special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

(2) The owner or lessee shall post official traffic signs indicating that the spaces are reserved.

(3) The official traffic sign shall include the international symbol for barrier-free environments and a statement to inform the public that the parking space is reserved for vehicles designated under sub. (1).

(4) The department, after consulting with the department of industry, labor and human relations, shall promulgate rules governing the design, size and installation of the official traffic signs required under sub. (2).

(5) The department may issue orders necessary to ensure compliance with this subsection.

SECTION 8. 346.505 of the statutes is amended to read:

**346.505 (title) Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in parking spaces reserved for vehicles displaying special registration plates or special identification cards.** ~~No~~ Except as provided in s. 346.50 (3), no person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for ~~handicapped persons~~, by official traffic signs, distinct markers or parking meters indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

SECTION 9. 346.505 of the statutes, as affected by chapter .... (this act), laws of 1981, is amended to read:

**346.505 (title) Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in parking spaces reserved for vehicles displaying special registration plates or special identification cards.** Except as provided in s. 346.50 (3), no person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved, by official traffic signs, ~~distinct markers or parking meters~~ indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying special registration

plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (a), (1m) or (1q) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

SECTION 9g. 346.55 (5) of the statutes, as created by chapter .... (Assembly Bill 479), laws of 1981, is amended to read:

346.55 (5) (a) Owners or lessees of public or private property may designate, by sign or distinctive marker, parking spaces as reserved for vehicles with displaying special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

(b) No person may park, stop or leave standing any vehicle which does not have special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or, for vehicles registered in another jurisdiction, a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person in any parking space designated under par. (a).

SECTION 9m. 346.55 (5) (a) of the statutes, as affected by chapters .... (Assembly Bill 479) and .... (this act), laws of 1981, is amended to read:

346.55 (5) (a) ~~Owners~~ In addition to the requirements under s. 346.503 (1), owners or lessees of public or private property may designate, by official traffic sign ~~or distinctive marker~~, parking spaces as reserved for vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person.

SECTION 10. 349.13 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

349.13 (1m) The In addition to the requirements under s. 346.503 (1), the department, with respect to state trunk highways outside of corporate limits and parking facilities under its jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction including state trunk highways or connecting highways within corporate limits and parking facilities within corporate limits, may prohibit parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for ~~handicapped persons~~ vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person by official traffic signs, distinct markers or parking meters indicating the restriction.

SECTION 11. 349.13 (1m) of the statutes, as affected by chapter .... (this act), laws of 1981, is amended to read:

349.13 (1m) In addition to the requirements under s. 346.503 (1), the department, with respect to state trunk highways outside of corporate limits and parking facilities under its jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction including state trunk highways or connecting highways within corporate limits and parking facilities within corporate limits, may prohibit parking, stopping or standing upon any portion of a street, highway or parking facility reserved for vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m) or (1q) or a special identification card issued under s. 343.51 or vehicles registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card or emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person by official traffic signs, ~~distinct markers or parking meters~~ indicating the restriction.

**SECTION 12. Nonstatutory provisions; transportation.** The department of transportation shall submit the proposed rules required by section 346.503 (4) of the statutes to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature under section 227.018 (2) of the statutes no later than the first day of the 7th month following publication of this act.

**SECTION 13. Effective dates.** The treatment of sections 346.50 (3) (by SECTION 6), 346.503 (1), (2) and (5), 346.505 (by SECTION 9), 346.55 (5) (a) (by SECTION 9m) and 349.13 (1m) (by SECTION 11) of the statutes by this act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month after the effective date of the rules promulgated under section 346.503 (4) of the statutes.

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