

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 327 [2013 Assembly Bill 828] Access Aisles for Disabled Parking Spaces

Under current law, the owner or lessee of a public building or place of employment, and the owner or lessee of a parking facility that offers parking to the public must reserve a minimum number of disabled parking spaces if the parking area has at least 26 spaces. Under 2013 Wisconsin Act 327, this requirement applies to the owner or lessee of any parking facility that offers parking to the public with respect to any parking area initially constructed, resurfaced, or seal coated on or after May 27, 1976.

Also under 2013 Wisconsin Act 327, if at least four but fewer than 20 disabled parking spaces are reserved, at least one of these spaces must have an access aisle immediately adjacent to the parking space to provide entry to and exit from vehicles by persons with physical disabilities. If 20 or more disabled parking spaces are reserved, at least 10% of these spaces must include an access aisle. The access aisle must be at least 96 inches wide and clearly marked. The disabled parking sign for a disabled parking space for which an access aisle is required must identify the space as "lift van accessible only." The Act's access aisle requirements apply only to parking areas initially constructed, reconstructed, resurfaced, or repainted after the Act's effective date.

Effective date: 2013 Wisconsin Act 327 takes effect on August 1, 2014. The provision requiring an owner or lessee of a parking facility that offers parking to the public to reserve a certain number of disabled parking spaces initially applies to parking areas initially constructed, or reconstructed, resurfaced, or seal coated after this date.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <u>http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov</u>.