

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/26/2015	436	Introduction and first reading Referred to Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development
03/18/2015	934a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Transportation and Public Safety
03/25/2015		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to State and Local Government

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to accessibility; modifying traffic and parking signs and digital media;  
 1.3 removing the words "handicap" and "disability" from parking and traffic signs  
 1.4 and state digital media; appropriating money.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **ACCESSIBLE PARKING SIGNS.**

1.7 A sign that is posted to identify a parking space reserved for people who qualify  
 1.8 for accessible parking must not display any form of the word "handicap," "disabled," or  
 1.9 "disability." The owner of a parking facility that is owned or wholly leased by the state or by  
 1.10 a private entity that receives any monetary aid from the state shall, no later than January 15,  
 1.11 2016, modify or replace the sign so that it displays a form of the word "accessible" or the  
 1.12 state symbol indicating buildings, facilities, and grounds which are accessible to and usable  
 1.13 by persons with disabilities adopted by the Rehabilitation International's Eleventh World  
 1.14 Congress and does not display a form of the word "handicap," "disabled," or "disability."  
 1.15 The commissioner of transportation shall establish and administer a program to provide  
 1.16 grants to sign owners who meet criteria identified by the commissioner to enable them  
 1.17 to pay for the required sign changes. An entity that is subject to the requirements of this  
 1.18 section but does not comply may not receive state aid during the period of noncompliance.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.20 Sec. 2. **REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO PRINTED OR DIGITAL MEDIA.**

1.21 The chief information accessibility officer shall require state agencies and private  
 1.22 entities that receive any monetary aid from the state, no later than September 30, 2015,  
 1.23 to remove any form of the word "handicap" or "disabled" from newly printed or digital

2.1 media created or maintained by state agencies or private entities directing the public to  
2.2 accessible public restrooms and accessible parking and substitute a form of the word  
2.3 "accessible." An entity that is subject to the requirements of this section but does not  
2.4 comply may not receive state aid during the period of noncompliance.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.6 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.7 \$..... in fiscal year 2016 and \$..... in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from the  
2.8 general fund to the commissioner of transportation for the purpose of making grants  
2.9 under section 1.