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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Anderson, Calkin, Bell, Kallman, and Valverde

Date Introduced: February 25, 2021

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-28 of the General Laws entitled "Parking Facilities and  
2 Privileges" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-28-10. Parking spaces for persons transporting young children and strollers.**

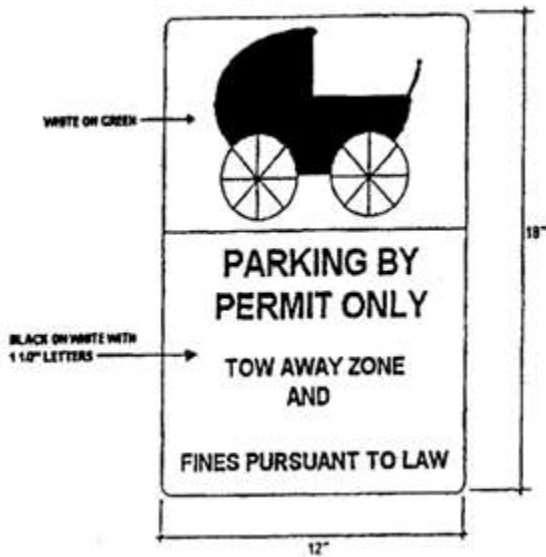
4 (1) Motor vehicle parking spaces specifically designed for persons transporting young  
5 children under the age of three (3) and baby strollers, shall be required for all parking lots other  
6 than lots for single-family, duplex, townhouse or multifamily residences; provided, however,  
7 industrial zoned properties shall not be required to comply with this section. Such motor vehicle  
8 parking spaces specifically designed for persons transporting young children under the age of three  
9 (3) and baby strollers shall be provided as follows:

<u>Total Parking Spaces in Lot</u>	<u>Required Number of Stroller Spaces</u>
<u>Up to 100</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>101 to 500</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>501 to 1,000</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>&gt;1,001</u>	<u>One additional space for each 500 parking spaces</u> <u>over 1,000</u>

16 (2) Motor vehicle parking spaces specifically designed for persons transporting young  
17 children under the age of three (3) and baby strollers shall be located as closely as possible to  
18 parking spaces designated for the physically handicapped and/or disabled persons; provided

1 however, parking spaces designated for the physically handicapped and/or disabled persons shall  
2 take precedence. Where no parking spaces designated for the physically handicapped and/or  
3 disabled persons have been provided, parking spaces for persons transporting young children in  
4 baby strollers shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel from adjacent parking to an  
5 accessible entrance.

6 (3) All parking spaces for persons transporting young children and strollers shall be  
7 prominently outlined with green paint and posted with an approved permanent above-ground sign  
8 which shall conform to the figure entitled "Baby Stroller Parking Sign" hereby incorporated in this  
9 section. The bottom of the sign must be at least five (5) feet above grade when attached to a  
10 building, or seven (7) feet above grade for a detached sign.



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12 (4) All property owners who are required by this section to provide motor vehicle parking  
13 spaces for persons transporting young children and strollers shall provide such parking spaces  
14 within two (2) years from the effective date of this section. In no event shall the number of parking  
15 spaces for the physically handicapped and/or disabled be reduced below the quantity otherwise  
16 required by law.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1           This act would require that all parking lots designate motor vehicle parking spaces  
2 specifically designed for persons transporting young children under the age of three (3) and baby  
3 strollers with the exception of parking lots for single-family, duplex, townhouse or multifamily  
4 residences.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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