

1 S.150

2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on Transportation

4 Date: January 5, 2010

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; disabled parking; fine

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to increase the fine for illegally  
7 parking in a space reserved for disabled persons from \$100.00 to \$150.00.

8 ~~An act relating to parking reserved for disabled persons~~

9 ~~An act relating to increasing the fine for illegally using parking reserved for~~  
10 ~~disabled persons~~

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 ~~Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 304a(e) is amended to read:~~

13 (e) A person, other than a person with a disability, who for his or her own  
14 purposes parks a vehicle in a space for persons with disabilities shall be fined  
15 ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00 for each violation and shall be liable for towing charges. He  
16 or she shall also be liable for storage charges not to exceed \$12.00 per day, and  
17 an artisan's lien may be imposed against the vehicle for payment of the charges  
18 assessed. The person in charge of the parking space or spaces for persons with  
19 a disability or any duly authorized law enforcement officer shall cause the  
20 removal of a vehicle parked in violation of this section. A violation of this

1 ~~section shall be considered a traffic violation within the meaning of chapter 29~~  
2 ~~of Title 4.~~

*Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 304a(e) is amended to read:*

*(e) A person, other than a person with a disability, who for his or her own purposes parks a vehicle in a space for persons with disabilities shall be fined ~~\$100.00~~ \$200.00 for each violation and shall be liable for towing charges. He or she shall also be liable for storage charges not to exceed \$12.00 per day, and an artisan's lien may be imposed against the vehicle for payment of the charges assessed. The person in charge of the parking space or spaces for persons with a disability or any duly authorized law enforcement officer shall cause the removal of a vehicle parked in violation of this section. A violation of this section shall be considered a traffic violation within the meaning of chapter 29 of Title 4.*

*Sec. 2. 20 V.S.A. § 2904 is amended to read:*

*§ 2904. PARKING SPACES*

*Any parking facility on the premises of a public building shall contain at least the number of parking spaces required by ADAAG standards, and in any event at least one parking space, as free designated parking for individuals with ambulatory disabilities or blind individuals patronizing the building. The space or spaces shall be accessibly and proximately located to the building. Consideration shall be given to the distribution of spaces in accordance with the frequency and persistence of parking needs. Such spaces shall be designated by a clearly visible sign that cannot be obscured by a vehicle parked in the space, by the international symbol of access and, where appropriate, by the words "van accessible"; shall otherwise conform to ADAAG standards; and shall be in accordance with the standards established under section 2902 of this title.*