

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 824

February 27, 2014 – Introduced by Representative RIPP, cosponsored by Senator Petrowski. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 AN ACT to amend 340.01 (70) of the statutes; relating to: enforcement of parking violations involving spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk may apply for and obtain from the Department of Transportation special motor vehicle registration plates (disabled plates) or a special identification card (disabled parking card) that affords certain parking privileges. If a motor vehicle displays disabled plates or a disabled parking card, the motor vehicle may be parked in spaces reserved for use by persons with physical disabilities (disabled parking spaces) if: 1) the motor vehicle is parked by or under the direction of the person issued the card or plates and this person is present; or 2) the motor vehicle is operated by or on behalf of an organization and is used to transport a person eligible for a disabled parking card. If a motor vehicle does not display disabled plates or a disabled parking card, it is a violation for a person to park the motor vehicle in a disabled parking space. It is also a violation to park a motor vehicle in a manner that blocks use of a disabled parking space or in a marked access aisle adjacent to a disabled parking space. A person who commits a disabled parking space violation must forfeit not less than \$50 nor more than \$300 for the violation.

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Under this bill, a disabled parking space violation may be enforced by any person who is employed by a city, village, or town (municipality) and is designated by that municipality as authorized to enforce disabled parking space violations.

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

Section 1. 340.01 (70) of the statutes is amended to read:

340.01 (70) "Traffic officer" means every officer authorized by law to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violation of traffic regulations and also includes, for purposes of enforcing s. 346.505 (2) or any local ordinance in conformity with s. 346.505 (2) or any prohibition established under s. 349.13 (1m), any person who is employed by a municipality and is designated by that municipality as authorized to enforce violations of s. 346.505 (2) or a local ordinance in conformity with s. 346.505 (2) or any prohibition established under s. 349.13 (1m).

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to violations committed on the effective date of this subsection.

12 (END)