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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES MEADOWS (Sponsor), McGEOGHEGAN, FALLERT,
ATKINS AND ELLINGER (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 301.143, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to van accessible parking spaces, with an existing penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 301.143, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 301.143, to read as follows:

301.143. 1. As used in this section, the term "vehicle" shall have the same meaning given it in section 301.010, and the term "physically disabled" shall have the same meaning given it in section 301.142.

2. Political subdivisions of the state may by ordinance or resolution designate parking spaces for the exclusive use of vehicles which display a distinguishing license plate or card issued pursuant to section 301.071 or 301.142. Owners of private property used for public parking shall also designate parking spaces for the exclusive use of vehicles which display a distinguishing license plate or card issued pursuant to section 301.071 or 301.142. Whenever a political subdivision or owner of private property so designates a parking space, the space shall be indicated by a sign upon which shall be inscribed the international symbol of accessibility and shall also include any appropriate wording to indicate that the space is reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles which display a distinguishing license plate or card. The sign described in this subsection shall also state, or an additional sign shall be posted below or adjacent to the sign stating, the following: "\$50 to \$300 fine." **Beginning August 28, 2011, when any political subdivision or owner of private property restripes a parking lot or constructs a new parking lot, one in every four accessible spaces, but not less than one, shall be served by**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **an access aisle a minimum of ninety-six inches wide and shall be designated "lift van**
18 **accessible only" with signs that meet the requirements of the federal Americans with**
19 **Disabilities Act, as amended, and any rules or regulations established pursuant thereto.**

20 3. Any political subdivision, by ordinance or resolution, and any person or corporation
21 in lawful possession of a public off-street parking facility or any other owner of private property
22 may designate reserved parking spaces for the exclusive use of vehicles which display a
23 distinguishing license plate or card issued pursuant to section 301.071 or 301.142 as close as
24 possible to the nearest accessible entrance. Such designation shall be made by posting
25 immediately adjacent to, and visible from, each space, a sign upon which is inscribed the
26 international symbol of accessibility, and may also include any appropriate wording to indicate
27 that the space is reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles which display a distinguishing license
28 plate or card.

29 4. The local police or sheriff's department may cause the removal of any vehicle not
30 displaying a distinguishing license plate or card on which is inscribed the international symbol
31 of accessibility and the word "disabled" issued pursuant to section 301.142 or a "disabled
32 veteran" license plate issued pursuant to section 301.071 or a distinguishing license plate or card
33 issued by any other state from a space designated for physically disabled persons if there is
34 posted immediately adjacent to, and readily visible from, such space a sign on which is inscribed
35 the international symbol of accessibility and may include any appropriate wording to indicate that
36 the space is reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles which display a distinguishing license plate
37 or card. Any person who parks in a space reserved for physically disabled persons and is not
38 displaying distinguishing license plates or a card is guilty of an infraction and upon conviction
39 thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than three hundred
40 dollars. Any vehicle which has been removed and which is not properly claimed within thirty
41 days thereafter shall be considered to be an abandoned vehicle.

42 5. Spaces designated for use by vehicles displaying the distinguishing "disabled" license
43 plate issued pursuant to section 301.142 or 301.071 shall meet the requirements of the federal
44 Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, and any rules or regulations established pursuant
45 thereto. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, on-street parking spaces designated
46 by political subdivisions in residential areas for the exclusive use of vehicles displaying a
47 distinguishing license plate or card issued pursuant to section 301.071 or 301.142 shall meet the
48 requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act pursuant to this subsection and any
49 such space shall have clearly and visibly painted upon it the international symbol of accessibility
50 and any curb adjacent to the space shall be clearly and visibly painted blue.

51 6. Any person who, without authorization, uses a distinguishing license plate or card
52 issued pursuant to section 301.071 or 301.142 to park in a parking space reserved under authority
53 of this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

54 7. Law enforcement officials may enter upon private property open to public use to
55 enforce the provisions of this section and section 301.142, including private property designated
56 by the owner of such property for the exclusive use of vehicles which display a distinguishing
57 license plate or card issued pursuant to section 301.071 or 301.142.

58 8. Nonconforming signs or spaces otherwise required pursuant to this section which are
59 in use prior to August 28, 1997, shall not be in violation of this section during the useful life of
60 such signs or spaces. Under no circumstances shall the useful life of the nonconforming signs
61 or spaces be extended by means other than those means used to maintain any sign or space on
62 the owner's property which is not used for vehicles displaying a disabled license plate.

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