

P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 287, *approved January 13, 2008*
Senate, No. 2522
(Corrected Copy)

1 AN ACT concerning handicapped parking and amending P.L.1999,
2 c.182.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1999, c.182 (C.39:4-207.9) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. A person who owns or controls a parking area which is
10 open to the public or to which the public is invited and which
11 contains special parking spaces for the use of persons who have
12 been issued a placard or wheelchair symbol license plates pursuant
13 to P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204 et seq.) shall be responsible for
14 assuring that access to these special parking spaces and to curb cuts
15 or other improvements designed to provide accessibility for
16 handicapped persons is not obstructed.

17 b. If snow or ice is obstructing the special parking space, curb
18 cut or other improvement designed to provide accessibility for the
19 handicapped, it shall be removed within **[48]** 24 hours after the
20 weather condition causing the snow or ice ceases.

21 c. A person who violates this act shall be liable for a penalty of
22 not less than **[\$200]** \$500 or more than **[\$500]** \$1,000 for each
23 space that is obstructed.

24 (cf: P.L.1999, c.182, s.1)

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 STATEMENT

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30 Under current law, a person who owns or controls a parking area
31 is responsible for assuring that parking spaces reserved for
32 handicapped motorists and curb cuts and other improvements
33 designed to provide accessibility are not obstructed. If the
34 obstruction is snow or ice, it must be removed from the parking
35 space, curb cut or other improvement within 48 hours after the
36 inclement weather has ended. This bill requires that the snow or ice
37 be removed within 24 hours after the inclement weather has ended.

38 Current law provides that violators are subject to a fine of \$200
39 to \$500. Under the provisions of this bill, violators would be
40 subject to a fine of \$500 to \$1,000 for each space that is obstructed.

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44 Requires removal of snow and ice from handicapped parking
45 spaces 24 hours after inclement weather and increases penalties for
46 violations.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.