

ASSEMBLY, No. 2940

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman CRECCO

1 AN ACT concerning parking, supplementing chapter 4 of Title 39 of
2 the Revised Statutes and amending R.S.39:4-138.

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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. (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.39:4-138
8 to the contrary, any municipality may, by ordinance, permit the parking
9 of motor vehicles within 15 feet of the nearest crosswalk or side line
10 of a street, other than an alley, or of an intersecting highway.

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12 2. R.S.39:4-138 is amended to read as follows:

13 39:4-138. Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other
14 traffic or in compliance with the directions of a traffic or police officer
15 or traffic sign or signal, no operator of a vehicle shall stand or park the
16 vehicle in any of the following places:

17 a. Within an intersection;

18 b. On a crosswalk;

19 c. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within at least
20 20 feet of a point on the curb immediately opposite the end of a safety
21 zone;

22 d. In front of a public or private driveway;

23 e. Within 25 feet of the nearest crosswalk or side line of a street or
24 intersecting highway, except at alleys, unless otherwise permitted
25 under section 1 of P.L.....c....(C....)(now pending in the Legislature
26 as this bill);

27 f. On a sidewalk;

28 g. In any appropriately marked "No Parking" space established
29 pursuant to the duly promulgated regulations of the Commissioner of
30 Transportation;

31 h. Within 50 feet of a "stop" sign;

32 i. Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant;

33 j. Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;

34 k. Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within
2 75 feet of said entrance, when properly signposted;

3 l. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when
4 stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic, when properly
5 signposted;

6 m. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the
7 edge or curb of a street;

8 n. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway, or
9 within a highway tunnel or underpass, or on the immediate approaches
10 thereto except where space for parking is provided;

11 o. In any space on public or private property appropriately marked
12 for vehicles for the physically handicapped pursuant to P.L.1977,
13 c.202 (C.39:4-197.5), P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.) or any
14 other applicable law unless the vehicle is authorized by law to be
15 parked therein and a handicapped person is either the driver or a
16 passenger in that vehicle. State, county or municipal law enforcement
17 officers or parking enforcement authority officers shall enforce the
18 parking restrictions on spaces appropriately marked for vehicles for
19 the physically handicapped on both public and private property.

20 No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his control into
21 any such prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is
22 unlawful.

23 (cf: P.L.1989, c.201, s.1)

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25 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill would permit a municipality, by ordinance, to enact an
31 exception to State law to allow the parking of motor vehicles within
32 15 feet of a crosswalk. Current State law prohibits parking within
33 25 feet of a crosswalk.

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Allows municipality to permit parking within 15 feet of crosswalk.