

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3976

By: Bell

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9 An Act relating to statewide accessibility signage;
10 amending 11 O.S. 2021, Section 36-101A, which relates
11 to physically disabled parking and access signage;
12 requiring signage changes; providing construing
13 provision; and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 36-101A, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 36-101A. A. Cities and towns are hereby authorized to
18 construct and provide parking spaces, curb cuts, ramps and signage
19 for physically disabled parking and access for use in conjunction
20 with facilities, both public and private, open to the general
21 public. The city or town may bear the cost of such construction, or
22 at the option of the city or town and the owner of such facilities,
23 share the cost of such construction with the owner of such
24 facilities.

1 B. ~~Beginning January 1, 2010, the~~ The posted signage for every
2 parking space that is designated and posted as a reserved area for
3 the parking of a motor vehicle operated by or transporting a
4 physically disabled person shall display ~~sign R7-8, as provided in~~
5 ~~the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices~~
6 ~~published by the Federal Highway Administration of the United States~~
7 ~~Department of Transportation~~ a sign which must be twelve (12) inches
8 by eighteen (18) inches or larger and must use a design of the
9 modernized International Symbol for Accessibility, which shall
10 depict a figure leaning forward in a wheelchair, which includes the
11 words "RESERVED PARKING" and the blue and white international symbol
12 of access. Van-accessible physically disabled reserved parking
13 spaces shall also display sign R7-8a ~~immediately below sign R7-8~~ as
14 provided in the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic
15 Control Devices published by the Federal Highway Administration of
16 the United States Department of Transportation a sign which must be
17 twelve (12) inches by eighteen (18) inches or larger and must use a
18 design of the modernized International Symbol for Accessibility,
19 which shall depict a figure leaning forward in a wheelchair.
20 Municipalities shall adopt ordinances in compliance with this
21 subsection by ~~January 1, 2010~~ January 1, 2023. The provisions of
22 this section shall be considered an addition to any federal or state
23 law, rule or regulation regarding the signage requirements for
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1 physically disabled parking spaces and shall not limit or amend any
2 other applicable laws, rules or regulations.

3 C. The blue and white international symbol of access,
4 accompanied by appropriate language including, but not limited to,
5 "Handicapped Parking", "Reserved for Handicapped" and "Permit
6 Required-Towing Enforced" may be used in lieu of sign R7-8 if the
7 sign was erected prior to ~~January 1, 2010~~ January 1, 2023.

8 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed as to necessitate
9 replacement of existing signage or inventory prior to ordinary
10 maintenance procedures and rotations.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON STATE POWERS, dated 03/02/2022 -
14 DO PASS, As Amended.