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Research Analysis

The CS for HB3976 requires posted signage for every parking spot that is designated and posted as a reserved area for parking a car operated by or transporting a physically disabled person to be 12 by 18 inches or larger and must use a design of the modernized International Symbol for Accessibility, which will depict a figure leaning forward in a wheelchair. The same requirements will also apply to van-accessible physically disabled reserved parking spaces. Nothing in the measure will be construed to necessitate existing signage or inventory outside normal maintenance procedures and rotations.

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Fiscal Analysis

From the Office of Disability Concerns:

There is a state law that towns must adopt a version of the International Building Code. In that code parking is addressed.

In IBC 2018 Version Section 1106,

The US Access Board §208 and §502 details how many, locations, and different possible scenarios. These are not addressed in the proposed law.

Signage the requirement is:

Accessible spaces must be identified by signs with the International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA) (§703.7.2.1). Signs identifying van spaces must include the term “van accessible.” This designation is informative and does not restrict use of such spaces to van users only. No other text or content is required by the Standards.

Signs must be at least 60” high measured to the bottom edge so that they are visible while vehicles are parked in a space. Signs can be on posts, or where feasible, on walls or suspended from ceilings (an 80” minimum headroom clearance is required at signs suspended above circulation paths (§307.4)). ISA designations on the parking surface, even if required by a state or local government, cannot substitute for above-ground signs that remain visible at all times.

State or local codes and regulations may address other sign characteristics, including size, color, and additional content, such as “reserved” or violation fines, but the ADA Standards do not.

So the requirements about the text “reserved” and such are not in the ADA Technical Manual.

If this proposed law is used as standard it will leave out many, many requirements.

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Other Considerations

None.

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