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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that parking in the State  
2 is extremely limited for disabled persons and kupuna. While  
3 high tourism is the primary economic driver in the State, it  
4 also reduces the ability for disabled persons and kupuna to find  
5 parking. According to the Hawaii disability and communication  
6 access board, approximately eight per cent of Hawaii's  
7 population has a mobility disability significant enough to  
8 qualify them for a disability parking permit. Being unable to  
9 find appropriate parking limits the ability of disabled persons  
10 and kupuna to engage in public interaction, making them less  
11 integrated in the community. In addition, disabled persons who  
12 are forced to park further away from a business or public entity  
13 are not able to easily access facilities and may have an  
14 increased risk of falling, which is the leading cause of death  
15 from injury among adults aged sixty-five and older.

16       The legislature further finds as the State faces issues  
17 with high traffic and tourism, this limits the available of



1 parking for all. As such, the State must uphold parking access  
2 for disabled persons and kupuna.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to increase the  
4 number of required accessible and van accessible parking spaces  
5 in parking lots with more than twenty-five parking spaces that  
6 are covered by title II or III of the Americans with  
7 Disabilities Act; however this Act is crafted so as not to  
8 burden small businesses who have less than seventy-five total  
9 parking spaces, as they may lack the ability to expand  
10 accessible spaces in their lots.

11 SECTION 2. Section 291-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "[§]291-58[§] Requirement to provide parking for persons  
14 with disabilities; penalty. (a) Beginning July 1, 2002, any  
15 ~~[public or private]~~ entity covered by the Americans with  
16 Disabilities Act that provides a parking space reserved for  
17 persons with disabilities shall comply with this part and any  
18 administrative rules adopted under this part.

19 (b) Beginning July 1, 2027, any public or private entity  
20 that operates a parking lot covered by title II or III of the  
21 Americans with Disabilities Act shall comply with the following:



1        (1) For a parking lot with one to twenty-five spaces:

2            (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking  
3            spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be  
4            one; and

5            (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking  
6            spaces (one in every three) shall be one;

7        (2) For a parking lot with twenty-six to fifty spaces:

8            (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking  
9            spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be  
10           three; and

11           (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking  
12           spaces (one in every three) shall be one;

13        (3) For a parking lot with fifty-one to seventy-five  
14        spaces:

15           (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking  
16           spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be  
17           three; and

18           (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking  
19           spaces (one in every three) shall be two;

20        (4) For a parking lot with seventy-six to one hundred  
21        spaces:



1           (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking  
2           spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be  
3           four; and

4           (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking  
5           spaces (one in every three) shall be two;

6           (5) For a parking lot with one hundred one to one hundred  
7           fifty spaces:

8           (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking  
9           spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be  
10           six; and

11           (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking  
12           spaces (one in every three) shall be three;

13           (6) For a parking lot with one hundred fifty-one to two  
14           hundred spaces:

15           (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking  
16           spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be  
17           eight; and

18           (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking  
19           spaces (one in every three) shall be three;

20           (7) For a parking lot with two hundred one to three  
21           hundred spaces:



(A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be twelve; and

(B) The minimum number of van accessible parking spaces (one in every three) shall be four;

(8) For a parking lot with three hundred one to four  
hundred spaces:

(A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be sixteen; and

(B) The minimum number of van accessible parking  
spaces (one in every three) shall be six;

(9) For a parking lot with four hundred one to five  
hundred spaces:

(A) The minimum number of total accessible parking spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be twenty; and

(B) The minimum number of van accessible parking  
spaces (one in every three) shall be seven;

(10) For a parking lot with five hundred one to one  
thousand spaces:



1           (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking  
2           spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be  
3           four per cent of the total number of spaces; and

4           (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking  
5           spaces (one in every three) shall be one of every  
6           three accessible spaces; and

7       (11) For a parking lot with more than one thousand spaces:

8           (A) The minimum number of total accessible parking  
9           spaces (standard and van accessible) shall be  
10          forty, plus two for each one hundred, or fraction  
11          thereof, over one thousand; and

12          (B) The minimum number of van accessible parking  
13          spaces (one in every three) shall be one of every  
14          three accessible spaces.

15       (c) A private entity that fails to comply with this  
16       section shall be fined [~~not~~] no less than \$250 nor more than  
17       \$500 for each separate offense. Each day of violation shall  
18       constitute a separate offense. Any action taken to impose or  
19       collect any penalty provided for in this section shall be  
20       considered a civil action."



1       SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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# S.B. NO. 2936

**Report Title:**

Parking; Persons with Disabilities

**Description:**

Beginning 7/1/27, increases the number of required accessible and van accessible parking spaces in parking lots with more than twenty-five parking spaces that are covered by title II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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