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HOUSE BILL 542

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

ROBERT A. PERLS

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; CREATING SENIOR CITIZEN PARKING SPACES AND SPECIAL PLACARDS; ENACTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CODE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS- - STANDARDS. - -

A. Every parking lot under the provisions of the Disabled Parking Standards and Enforcement Act may have designated senior citizen parking spaces as provided in Subsection B of this section; provided that designated senior citizen parking spaces shall not be required for parking lots with less than twenty-five spaces.

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1 B. The minimum numbers of designated senior citizen
2 parking spaces are as follows:

3 TOTAL SPACES IN PARKING LOT	4 MINIMUM DESIGNATED SENIOR 5 CITIZEN PARKING SPACES
6 0 to 25	0
7 26 to 35	1
8 36 to 50	2
9 51 to 100	3
10 101 to 300	4
11 301 to 500	5
12 501 to 800	6
13 801 to 1,000	7
14 more than 1,000	8, plus 3 for 15 each additional 16 1,000.

17 The designated senior citizen parking spaces shall be located
18 to provide convenient access to entranceways or to the nearest
19 curb cut, subject to provisions for disabled parking spaces in
20 the Disabled Parking Standards and Enforcement Act.

21 The senior citizen parking spaces shall not take precedence over
22 the disabled parking spaces, nor shall they be located closer to
23 the entranceways than the disabled parking spaces.

24 C. Each designated senior citizen parking space
25 shall be identified by a grey and white diagonal stripe design.

 D. For purposes of this section, "senior citizen"

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1 means a person who is seventy-five years of age or older. "

2 Section 2. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is
3 enacted to read:

4 " [NEW MATERIAL] UNAUTHORIZED USE--PENALTY. --

5 A. In accordance with Section 3 of this act, it is
6 unlawful to park a motor vehicle not displaying a senior citizen
7 sticker or placard in a designated senior citizen parking space
8 or blocking a curb cut. Any person who violates this subsection
9 is subject to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

10 B. A person charged with a violation of Subsection A
11 of this section shall be determined not to have committed an
12 infraction if he produces in court a senior citizen sticker or
13 placard, in accordance with Section 3 of this act, or if he
14 demonstrates that he was entitled to a sticker or placard at the
15 time of the violation. "

16 Section 3. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is
17 enacted to read:

18 " [NEW MATERIAL] SENIOR CITIZEN DISPLAY DEVICES. --

19 A. Upon written application to the department, a
20 senior citizen may be granted the issuance of a sticker or
21 placard for display upon a motor vehicle that is owned by the
22 applicant, or by the employer of the senior citizen when the
23 vehicle is assigned to and used by the senior citizen, or owned
24 by another person who is transporting the senior citizen. The
25 department shall charge a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) to cover

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1 the cost of the display device and of its issuance. The fee
2 shall be retained by the department and is appropriated to the
3 department for expenditure incurred in carrying out the
4 provisions of this section.

5 B. Each senior citizen sticker or placard issued by
6 the secretary shall be identified by a grey and white diagonal
7 stripe design.

8 C. Stickers or placards issued to a senior citizen
9 by another state or foreign jurisdiction shall be granted
10 reciprocity while the vehicle and senior citizen operator are in
11 this state for a period not to exceed thirty days.

12 D. For purposes of this section, "senior citizen"
13 means a person who is seventy-five years of age or older."

14 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the
15 provisions of this act is September 1, 1996.

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 1, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 542

has had it under consideration and finds same to be
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

Adopted _____

Not Adopted _____

(Chief Clerk)

(Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Lujan, Olguin, Rodella, R. G. Sanchez, S. M. Williams

Absent: None

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FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 8, 1994

Mr. Speaker:

Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 542

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Silva, Chairman

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 8 For 1 Against

Yes: 8

No: Wallach

Excused: Olguin, Parsons, Watchman

Absent: None

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**FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996**

February 10, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

**Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred**

HOUSE BILL 542

**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 12 For 0 Against

Yes: 12

Excused: Bird, Casey, Light, Picraux, Saavedra, Wallace

Absent: None

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SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 14, 1996

Mr. President:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 542

has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice D. Paster, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 3 For 2 Against

Yes: 3

No: Sanchez, Scott

Excused: None

Absent: Carraro, Stefani cs, Tsosi e, Vernon

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February 14, 1996

Mr. President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 542

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO NOT PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 0 For 7 Against

Yes: None

No: Robinson, Garcia, Smith, Howes, Wiener, Naranjo, Rhodes

Excused: E. Jennings

Absent: None

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