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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Cano, Valverde, DiMario, Zurier, Anderson, Calkin, Mack, Miller, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: February 15, 2022

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-28 of the General Laws entitled "Parking Facilities and  
2 Privileges" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-28-10. Parking spaces for persons transporting young children and strollers.**

4 (a) Motor vehicle parking spaces specifically designed for persons transporting young  
5 children under the age of three (3) years and baby strollers, shall be required for all parking lots  
6 other than lots for single-family, duplex, townhouse or multifamily residences; provided, however,  
7 industrial zoned properties shall not be required to comply with this section. The motor vehicle  
8 parking spaces specifically designed for persons transporting young children under the age of three  
9 (3) years and baby strollers shall be provided as follows:

<u>Total Parking Spaces in Lot</u>	<u>Required Number of Stroller Spaces</u>
<u>Up to 100</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>101 to 500</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>501 to 1,000</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>&gt;1,001</u>	<u>One additional space for each 500 parking spaces</u> <u>over 1,000</u>

16 (b) Motor vehicle parking spaces specifically designed for persons transporting young  
17 children under the age of three (3) years and baby strollers shall be located as closely as possible  
18 to parking spaces designated for the physically handicapped and/or disabled persons; provided,

1 however, parking spaces designated for the physically handicapped and/or disabled persons shall  
2 take precedence. Where no parking spaces designated for the physically handicapped and/or  
3 disabled persons have been provided, parking spaces for persons transporting young children in  
4 baby strollers shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel from adjacent parking to an  
5 accessible entrance.

6 (c) All parking spaces for persons transporting young children and strollers shall be  
7 prominently outlined with green paint and posted with an approved permanent above-ground sign  
8 which shall be of a minimum size of twelve inches (12") wide and eighteen inches (18") in height  
9 and shall include an image of a baby stroller with the language "Reserved Parking" located above  
10 the image of the baby stroller and with the language "persons with strollers" located below the baby  
11 stroller image. The bottom of the sign must be at least five feet (5') above grade when attached to  
12 a building, or seven feet (7') above grade for a detached sign.

13 (d) All property owners who are required by this section to provide motor vehicle parking  
14 spaces for persons transporting young children and strollers shall provide such parking spaces  
15 within two (2) years from the effective date of this section. In no event shall the number of parking  
16 spaces for the physically handicapped and/or disabled be reduced below the quantity otherwise  
17 required by law.

18 (e) Enforcement of the parking provisions of this section shall be enforced by the local or  
19 state authorities on public or private property when the location of the parking spaces is within the  
20 purview of the State Building Code, chapter 27.3 of title 23.

21 (f) The owners of said property shall be responsible for the cost of the signage and proper  
22 installation in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1           This act would require that all parking lots with more than one hundred (100) spaces  
2           designate motor vehicle parking spaces specifically reserved for persons transporting young  
3           children under the age of three (3) years and baby strollers with the exception of parking lots for  
4           single-family, duplex, townhouse or multifamily residences or industrial zoned properties. The  
5           property owner shall be responsible for procuring the applicable signs and the proper installation.

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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