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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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

Introduced By: Representatives Giraldo, Alzate, and Williams

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

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

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

Table with 2 columns: Total Parking Spaces in Lot, Required Number of Stroller Spaces. Rows include categories like 'Up to 100', '101 to 500', '501 to 1,000', and '>1,001'.

(2) Motor vehicle parking spaces specifically designed for persons transporting young children under the age of three (3) and baby strollers shall be located as closely as possible 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 (3) 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 conform to the figure entitled "Baby Stroller Parking Sign" hereby incorporated in this
9 section. The bottom of the sign must be at least five (5) feet above grade when attached to a
10 building, or seven (7) feet above grade for a detached sign.



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

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that all parking lots designate motor vehicle parking spaces
2 specifically designed for persons transporting young children under the age of three (3) and baby
3 strollers with the exception of parking lots for single-family, duplex, townhouse or multifamily
4 residences.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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