

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 956

SENATE BILL NO. 2571

By Marrero, Norris

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2590

By Richardson, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, Part 1, relative to disabled parking.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-105, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b)(1) Any business, firm, or other person transacting business with the public from a permanent location shall provide specially marked parking spaces for the exclusive use of persons qualifying for the rights and privileges extended by this part.

(2) The number of accessible parking spaces shall be:

1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 or greater	9

(3) In addition, if there are no less than four (4) parking spaces designated with the wheelchair disabled sign, then at least one (1) of such parking spaces shall be van accessible, but if more than four (4) spaces are designated as disabled parking spaces, then at least two (2) spaces per eight (8) disabled parking spaces shall be van accessible. A van accessible parking space shall be at least eight feet (8') wide and shall have an adjacent access aisle that is at least eight feet (8') wide.

(4) The access aisle shall be located on the passenger side of the parking space except that two (2) adjacent accessible parking spaces may share a common access aisle.

(5) Van accessible parking spaces shall have an additional sign marked "Van Accessible – Priority for Wheelchair User" mounted below the sign required by subsection (c). Such van accessible parking spaces may have an additional sign marked "Priority Should Be Given to Disabled Van Access. Other Disabled Vehicles Should Use Only If No Other Available Disabled Spaces" mounted below other required signs. Van accessible parking spaces are not restricted to disabled van access; provided, that disabled vehicles other than vans should not use van accessible parking spaces when another accessible disabled parking space is available.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it, and shall only apply to parking spaces constructed after the effective date of this act.

PASSED: May 1, 2008



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of May 2008



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