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SENATE BILL 78

An Act relating to unauthorized use of handicapped parking

1/28/87 Work Draft of CSSB 78 (SA)

1/21/87 Original of SB 78

1/26/87 Brief explanation of bill prepared by Senator
Kertulla's office

1/26/87 Position Paper and Fiscal Note from Department of
Public Safety

Copy of statutes modified by SB 78

BILL NO: SB 78

DATE: 1/26/87

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or-ized use of handicapped
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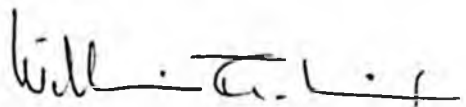
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The Division of Alaska State Troopers supports passage of this legislation.

Too often citizens ignore the necessity of handicapped parking restrictions. No state statute has previously existed to enforce handicapped parking, only municipal ordinances in certain jurisdictions.

Passage of this bill will provide statutory authority to state and local law enforcement agencies to enforce handicapped parking restrictions.



WILLIAM R. NIX
Acting Commissioner

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FISCAL NOTE

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REQUEST
Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act relating to unauthorized use of handicapped parking."
Sponsor: Sen. Kerttula
Requestor: Senate State Affairs

Agency Affected: Public Safety
BRU: Alaska State Troopers
Components: Detachments & C.I.B.

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
OPERATING						
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

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Senate Bill No. 78

An Act relating to unauthorized use of handicapped parking.

This is a bill simply to make unauthorized use of handicapped parking an infraction. This makes it possible to set a fine and to take action when a car without a permit parks in the handicapped parking areas around a Shopping Mall or other areas in a Borough or City.

It is extremely unhandy for a person in a wheelchair to go from his/her car into a store if they have to park even two cars away from the ramp and door of a facility.

In sunny nice weather there aren't many problems but let it rain or snow or sleet and then others use the parking places designated for the handicapped because, frankly, it is simply handier or you stay drier using these spaces. This bill makes it illegal and allows a penalty.

I was assured by Mr. Brown at the Department of Motor Vehicles that this bill was important and that it was a necessary bill for enforcing unauthorized use of handicapped parking. He also assured me that although they now have a regulation, there are also limitations that make it less than satisfactory in particular situations.

This is a step toward making life a bit simpler and easier for the handicapped and I ask that the bill be moved out of committee.

Prepared by Sen. Kerthula's office.

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Original sponsor: Kerttula

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
 2 ~~CS~~ FOR SENATE BILL NO. 78 (State Affairs)
 3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
 4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
 5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to unauthorized use of handicapped
7 parking."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 28.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 28.35.235. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF HANDICAPPED PARKING. (a) A
 11 person may not park a motor vehicle in a parking place reserved for
 12 disabled or medically handicapped persons unless the person has a
 13 special permit issued by the department under AS 28.10.495 or the
 14 motor vehicle displays a special license plate issued to disabled or
 15 handicapped persons under AS 28.10.181(d).

16 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of an infrac-
 17 tion. ~~Upon conviction the court shall impose a fine of not less than~~
 18 ~~\$100.~~

26 ~~—~~ New language appearing in CS.