Effective 1/1/2018
41-1a-414 Parking privileges for persons with disabilities.

(1) As used in this section:
   (a) "Accessible parking space" means a parking space that is clearly identified as reserved for use by a person with a disability and includes:
      (i) vertical signage, including the international symbol of accessibility, that is visible from a passing vehicle; and
      (ii) a clearly marked access aisle, if provided, that is adjacent to and considered part of the parking space.
   (b) "Temporary wheelchair user placard" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-1a-420.
   (c) "Van accessible parking space" means an accessible parking space that is marked for use by a qualifying person with a walking disability who has a temporary wheelchair user placard or a wheelchair user placard and includes:
      (i) vertical signage with the international symbol of accessibility and the words "van accessible" that is visible from a passing vehicle; and
      (ii) a clearly marked access aisle that is adjacent to and considered part of the parking space.
   (d) "Walking disability" means a physical disability that requires the use of a walking-assistive device or wheelchair or similar low-powered motorized or mechanically propelled vehicle that is specifically designed to assist a person who has a limited or impaired ability to walk.
   (e) "Wheelchair user placard" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-1a-420.

(2) Except in parking areas designated for emergency use, a person with a disability, qualifying under rules made in accordance with Section 41-1a-420, may park an appropriately marked vehicle for reasonable periods without charge in metered parking zones and restricted parking areas, in a manner that allows proper access to the vehicle by the person with a disability.

(3)
   (a) Only those vehicles carrying a person with a disability special group license plate, temporary removable windshield placard, or removable windshield placard and transporting a qualifying person with a disability may park in an accessible parking space.
   (b) A violation of Subsection (3)(a) is a class C misdemeanor.
   (c) A person described in Subsection (3)(a) is encouraged to avoid parking in a van accessible parking space unless:
      (i) the person has a walking disability and has a temporary wheelchair user placard;
      (ii) the person has a wheelchair user placard; or
      (iii) all other accessible parking spaces that are not van accessible parking spaces are occupied.

(4) This section applies to and may be enforced on public property and on private property that is used or intended for use by the public.

(5) The parking privileges granted by this section also apply to vehicles displaying a person with a disability special group license plate, temporary removable windshield placard, or removable windshield placard issued by another jurisdiction if displayed on a vehicle being used by a person with a disability.

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