

CHAPTER 2016-39

Senate Bill No. 222

An act relating to parking for disabled veterans; amending s. 316.1964, F.S.; requiring the governing body of each publicly owned or publicly operated airport to grant free parking to any vehicle displaying specified license plates for disabled veterans; clarifying that such license plates, rather than “DV” license plates, are exempt from certain parking fees charged by a county, municipality, or an agency thereof; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (1), (7), and (8) of section 316.1964, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.1964 Exemption of vehicles transporting certain persons who have disabilities from payment of parking fees and penalties.—

(1) A state agency, county, municipality, or any agency thereof, may not exact any fee for parking on the public streets or highways or in any metered parking space from the driver of a vehicle that displays:

(a) A disabled parking permit or a license plate issued under s. 316.1958 or s. 320.0848; or

(b) A license plate issued under s. 320.084, s. 320.0842, s. 320.0843, or s. 320.0845.

Such exemptions apply only if the vehicle is transporting the person who has a disability and to whom the disabled parking permit or license plate was issued.

(7) An airport that owns, operates, or leases parking facilities, or any other parking facilities that are used for the purpose of air travel, may charge for parking vehicles that display a disabled parking permit or license tag issued under s. 316.1958, ~~s. 320.084~~, ~~s. 320.0842~~, s. 320.0843, ~~s. 320.0845~~, or s. 320.0848. However, the governing body of each publicly owned or publicly operated airport must grant free parking to a any vehicle;

(a) Displaying a license plate for disabled veterans issued under s. 320.084, s. 320.0842, or s. 320.0845;

(b) With specialized equipment, such as ramps, lifts, or foot or hand controls, or for use utilization by a person who has a disability; or

(c) whose vehicle is Displaying the Florida Toll Exemption permit.

(8) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a county, municipality, or any agency thereof may charge for parking in a facility or lot that provides timed parking spaces any vehicle that displays a disabled parking permit, except for a vehicle: that

(a) any vehicle With specialized equipment, such as ramps, lifts, or foot or hand controls, for use by a person who has a disability;,-

(b) or any vehicle that is Displaying a the “DV” license plate for disabled veterans issued under s. 320.084, s. 320.0842, or s. 320.0845; or

(c) Displaying the Florida Toll Exemption permit, ~~is exempt from any parking fees.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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