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Additional Parking Regulations

Act 144, signed into law on October 24, 2018 and goes into effect April 22, 2019, amends Section 3354, Additional Parking Regulations, (d) Persons with disability and disabled veterans, of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

Act 144 has:

- Added subsection (d)(2.1) which allows local authorities to limit access to a parking space reserved to a specific vehicle, license plate or other method of designation. Under this paragraph, local authorities may charge a reasonable fee and shall comply with section 6109 (relating to specific powers of department and local authorities) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- Added subsection (d.1) which restricts a person from obstructing a space on public or private property reserved for a person with a disability or a part of a curb ramp or the access aisle adjacent to a parking space reserved for a person with a disability in a manner that would prevent a person or wheelchair or personal mobility device from entering or leaving a vehicle legally parked in an adjoining space.
- Amended subsection (f) to provide a fine for individuals who violate subsection (d.1). A person violating subsection (d.1) is guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$300.
- Added subsection (h) to provide definitions for an access aisle, person with a disability and plate or placard.
 - Access aisle is defined as a physical area marked in accordance with departmental regulations:
 - 1) designated by white or blue pavement marking hash marks, cross-hatching or other similar visual no-parking indicators;
 - 2) which provides additional space for a person using a wheelchair, wheelchair lift or other mobility device; and
 - 3) which is located adjacent to a parking space reserved for a person with a disability.
 - Person with a disability is defined as a person issued a plate or placard. **NOTE:** See plate or placard definition.
 - Plate or placard is defined as a plate or placard issued under:
 - 1) Section 1338 (relating to person with disability plate and placard).
 - 2) Section 1342(a) or (b) (relating to veteran plates and placard).

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