

Senate Bill 551

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jones of the 10th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to public property, so as to provide for priority parking spaces for veterans on state owned properties; to provide for definitions; to provide for required signage; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to public property, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-16-20.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Park' or 'parking' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 40-1-1.

(2) 'Priority parking spaces' means, within any area used for the parking of vehicles, spaces for the parking of vehicles that are closest in proximity to a building on state

property but that are subordinate to accessible parking spaces for persons with disabilities.

(3) 'State property' means any land or other real property owned, leased, or occupied by any department, commission, board, bureau, agency, public corporation, or other instrumentality of the state, including, but not limited to, the Georgia Building Authority and any other real property in which the state has a legal or beneficial interest. Such term shall not include any property, real or personal, owned or leased or otherwise under the jurisdiction of any county or independent school system of this state.

(4) 'Veteran motor vehicle' means any motor vehicle that has displayed thereon a valid license plate issued to a veteran pursuant to Code Sections 40-2-68 through 40-2-70, Code Section 40-2-73, or Code Sections 40-2-84 through 40-2-85.4.

(b) The Georgia Building Authority shall designate and provide priority parking spaces for veteran motor vehicles on each state property in a number which is half of the total accessible parking spaces for persons with disabilities required for a building on such property pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 30. Each priority parking space for a veteran motor vehicle shall be indicated as such by a metal reflective sign which shall be at least 12 inches in width and 18 inches in length and erected at a height of 7 feet from the bottom of the sign to its ground surface and in such manner that it will not be obscured by a vehicle parked in the space. Such sign shall bear the words: 'Veteran Parking Only.' and shall include a warning that a special license plate is required.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any individual to park a vehicle other than a veteran motor vehicle in a priority parking space designated for veteran motor vehicles. Any individual violating this Code section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$500.00."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.