

HCS HB 1738 -- ACCESSIBLE PARKING

SPONSOR: Grisamore

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Disability Services by a vote of 7 to 0.

This substitute changes the laws regarding accessible parking. The substitute specifies that when any political subdivision or owner of private property restripes a parking lot or constructs a new parking lot with 25 or more parking spaces, the lot and accessible signs must meet the minimum requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act for the number of required accessible parking spaces but not less than one must be served by an access aisle that is a minimum of 96 inches wide and designated "van accessible." If any accessible space is 132 inches wide or wider, the adjacent access aisle must be a minimum of 60 inches wide. If any accessible space is less than 132 inches wide, the adjacent aisle must be a minimum of 96 inches wide. Currently, any parking lot that is restriped or constructed must have one in every four accessible spaces served by an access aisle that is a minimum of 96 inches wide and designated "lift van accessible only."

The substitute contains an emergency clause

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill makes technical revisions to provisions that were enacted last year by House Bill 555 to ensure compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. The current language is overburdensome for van accessible spaces. If not fixed, the state is in jeopardy of litigation and all of the provisions of House Bill 555 could be in jeopardy of being struck down.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Grisamore; and Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.