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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 580,
L.D. 728, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Handicapped
9 Parking Space Designation."

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Amend the Bill after the amending clause by
11 striking out all of paragraph K and inserting in its
12 place the following:

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'K. Providing for the establishment and policing
14 of parking spaces designated for handicapped per-
15 sons. A municipality with off-street public
16 parking areas may set aside an adequate number of
17 these spaces for use by handicapped persons. A
18 municipality with on-street public parking spaces
19 may set aside an adequate number of these spaces
20 in appropriate locations for use by handicapped
21 persons. There shall be adjacent to and visible
22 from each handicapped parking space a posted sign
23 consisting of a profile view of a wheelchair with
24 occupant in white on a blue background and bear-
25 ing the following warning: "Handicapped Parking-
26 Special Plate Required. Unauthorized vehicles
27 are subject to a fine." The municipality may post
28 any of the signs authorized by this paragraph ad-
29 acent to and visible from each handicapped park-
30 ing space. One sign shall consist of a profile
31 view of a wheelchair with an occupant in white on
32 a blue background with a printed inscription.
33 The inscription shall read: "Handicapped Park-
34 ing: Special Plate Required. Unauthorized vehi-
35 cles are subject to a fine." The other signs
36 authorized under this paragraph and which may be
37 posted in lieu of the first sign shall consist of
38 a profile view of a wheelchair with an occupant
39 in white on a blue background which may bear an
40 inscription. Any new sign erected or any sign

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1 replaced after the effective date of this para-
2 graph shall conform to the signs authorized by
3 this paragraph. Any existing posted signs that
4 do not conform to the provisions of this para-
5 graph and which were erected prior to the effec-
6 tive date of this paragraph shall be deemed to be
7 valid for enforcement purposes. Any vehicle
8 parked in a parking space designated by a munici-
9 pality as a handicapped parking space that does
10 not bear a special registration plate or placard
11 issued under Title 29, section 252, or a similar
12 plate issued by another state, shall be cited for
13 a penalty not to exceed \$25 unless otherwise
14 established by local ordinance. Owners of pri-
15 vate off-street parking may enter into agreements
16 with local or county law enforcement agencies for
17 the policing of stalls and spaces dedicated for
18 handicapped persons' vehicles, under which agree-
19 ments unauthorized vehicles shall be tagged.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

21 The purpose of this amendment is to require any
22 new handicapped parking signs posted by a municipal-
23 ity after the effective date of Title 30, section
24 2151, subsection 2, paragraph K, to include a profile
25 of a wheelchair with an occupant in white on a blue
26 background. Any signs pertaining to handicapped
27 parking presently posted will be deemed valid for law
28 enforcement purposes.

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