

CHAPTER 131**(HB 71)**

AN ACT relating to handicapped parking.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 189.456 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) On the application of any person who has a severe visual, audio, or physical impairment, including partial paralysis, lower limb amputation, chronic heart condition, emphysema, arthritis, rheumatism, or other debilitating condition which limits or impairs one's personal mobility or ability to walk, the county clerk in the county of the person's residence shall issue the person with a disability an accessible parking placard. In addition, any agency or organization which transports persons with a disability as a part of the service provided by that agency or organization shall receive an accessible parking placard upon application to the county clerk for each vehicle used in the transportation of persons with a disability. The accessible parking placard issued shall be a two (2) sided hanger style placard and shall on each side bear the international symbol of access adopted by Rehabilitation International in 1969, the date of expiration of the placard, a seal or other identification of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and shall contain the accessible parking placard identification number and other information the Transportation Cabinet may by regulation require. The international symbol of access shall be at least three (3) inches in height, be centered on the placard and in a white color on a blue shield.
- (2) The fee payable to the county clerk for an accessible parking placard shall be eight dollars (\$8.00) for each placard and the placard shall be valid for a period of *two (2)*~~six (6)~~ years ***which may be twice renewed for a period of two (2) years, without any additional fee being charged to the applicant.*** The application shall be made on a form prepared by the Transportation Cabinet. Placards shall be printed at cabinet expense and distributed to the county clerk of each county who shall keep a record of applications filed and placards issued.
- (3) For every person seeking an accessible parking placard, proof of the disability shall be required by:
 - (a) Evidence that the individual has a license plate for a person with a disability as provided by KRS 186.041 or 186.042;
 - (b) The county clerk issuing the permit ascertaining that the applicant is obviously disabled; or
 - (c) A statement from a licensed physician that the applicant is a person whose mobility, flexibility, coordination, respiration, or perceptiveness is significantly reduced by a permanent disability to that person's arms, legs, lungs, heart, ears, or eyes.
- (4) For every agency or organization seeking an accessible parking placard for a person with a disability, application for the placard shall include:
 - (a) Name of the agency or organization requesting use of an accessible parking placard;
 - (b) Number of vehicles being used in the transportation of persons with a disability; and
 - (c) A statement from the director of the agency or organization verifying the need for the parking placard.

- (5) The accessible parking placard shall, when the vehicle is parked in a parking space identified as accessible to a person with a disability, be displayed so that it may be viewed from the front and rear of the vehicle by hanging the placard from the front windshield rear view mirror. When there is no rear view mirror, the placard shall be displayed on the dashboard.
- (6) A person who has not been issued a license plate for a person with a disability under the provisions of KRS 186.041 or 186.042 may be issued a second parking placard for a fee of four dollars (\$4).
- (7) A person with a disability who has been issued a parking placard pursuant to this section may make application for a replacement placard by swearing in an affidavit that the original placard has been lost, stolen, or destroyed. The fee for the replacement placard shall be two dollars (\$2).
- (8) The Transportation Cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A to implement or administer this section.

Section 2. KRS 189.458 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Upon application of any person who has a severe temporary visual, audio, or physical impairment, including partial paralysis, heart condition, emphysema, arthritis, rheumatism, or other debilitating condition which limits or impairs one's personal mobility or ability to walk as defined in KRS 186.042, the county clerk in the county of the person's residence shall issue the person with a disability a temporary accessible parking placard.
- (2) The accessible parking placard issued shall be a two (2) sided hanger style placard and shall on each side bear the international symbol of access adopted by Rehabilitation International in 1969, the date of expiration of the placard, a seal or other identification of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and shall contain the accessible parking placard identification number and other information the Transportation Cabinet may by administrative regulation require. The international symbol of access shall be at least three (3) inches in height, be centered on the placard and in a white color on a red shield.
- (3) The fee payable to the county clerk for a temporary accessible parking placard shall be two dollars (\$2) for each placard and the placard shall be valid for a period of ***not more than three (3) months***~~[no more than six (6) months. The placard may be renewed for an additional six (6) months for a two dollar (\$2) renewal fee].~~
- (4) The application shall be made on a form prepared by the Transportation Cabinet. Placards shall be printed at cabinet expense and distributed to the county clerk of each county who shall keep a record of applications filed and placards issued.
- (5) For every person seeking a temporary accessible parking placard, proof of the disability shall be required by a statement from a licensed physician that the applicant is a person whose mobility, flexibility, coordination, respiration, or perceptiveness is significantly reduced by a temporary disability to that person's arms, legs, lungs, heart, ears, or eyes.
- (6) The temporary accessible parking placard, when the vehicle is parked in a parking space designated as accessible to and for the use of a person with a disability, shall be displayed so that it may be viewed from the front and rear of the vehicle by hanging it from the front windshield rear view mirror. When there is no rear view mirror, the placard shall be displayed on the dashboard.

- (7) The Transportation Cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A to implement or administer this section.

Section 3. KRS 189.990 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 189.020 to 189.040, subsections (1), (2), and (5) of KRS 189.050, KRS 189.060 to 189.080, subsections (1) to (3) of KRS 189.090, KRS 189.100, 189.110, 189.130 to 189.160, subsections (2) to (4) of KRS 189.190, KRS 189.200, 189.285, 189.290, 189.300 to 189.360, KRS 189.380, KRS 189.400 to 189.430, ***KRS 189.450 to 189.458, KRS 189.4595 to 189.480***~~[189.450 to 189.480]~~, subsection (1) of KRS 189.520, KRS 189.540, KRS 189.570 to 189.630, except subsection (1) of KRS 189.580, KRS 189.345, subsection (4) of KRS 189.456, and 189.960 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense. Any person who violates subsection (1) of KRS 189.580 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or both. Any person who violates paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of KRS 189.390 shall be fined not less than eleven dollars (\$11) nor more than thirty dollars (\$30). Neither court costs nor fees shall be taxed against any person violating paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of KRS 189.390.
- (2) (a) Any person who violates the weight provisions of KRS 189.212, 189.221, 189.222, 189.226, 189.230, or 189.270 shall be fined two cents (\$0.02) per pound for each pound of excess load when the excess is five thousand (5,000) pounds or less. When the excess exceeds five thousand (5,000) pounds the fine shall be two cents (\$0.02) per pound for each pound of excess load, but the fine levied shall not be less than one hundred dollars (\$100) and shall not be more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (b) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 189.271 and is operating on a route designated on the permit shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100); otherwise, the penalties in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall apply.
- (c) Any person who violates any provision of subsections (3) and (4) of KRS 189.050, subsection (4) of KRS 189.090, KRS 189.221 to 189.230, 189.270, 189.280, 189.490, or the dimension provisions of KRS 189.212, for which another penalty is not specifically provided shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (d) Nothing in this subsection or in KRS 189.221 to 189.228 shall be deemed to prejudice or affect the authority of the Department of Vehicle Regulation to suspend or revoke certificates of common carriers, permits of contract carriers, or drivers' or chauffeurs' licenses, for any violation of KRS 189.221 to 189.228 or any other act applicable to motor vehicles, as provided by law.
- (3) (a) Any person who violates subsection (1) of KRS 189.190 shall be fined not more than fifteen dollars (\$15).
- (b) Any person who violates subsection (5) of KRS 189.190 shall be fined not less than thirty-five dollars (\$35) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (4) (a) Any person who violates subsection (1) of KRS 189.210 shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

- (b) Any peace officer who fails, when properly informed, to enforce KRS 189.210 shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
 - (c) All fines collected under this subsection, after payment of commissions to officers entitled thereto, shall go to the county road fund if the offense is committed in the county, or to the city street fund if committed in the city.
- (5) Any person who violates KRS 189.370 shall for the first offense be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200) or imprisoned not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days, or both. For each subsequent offense occurring within three (3) years, the person shall be fined not less than three hundred dollars (\$300) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned not less than sixty (60) days nor more than six (6) months, or both. The minimum fine for this violation shall not be subject to suspension. A minimum of six (6) points shall be assessed against the driving record of any person convicted.
 - (6) Any person who violates KRS 189.500 shall be fined not more than fifteen dollars (\$15) in excess of the cost of the repair of the road.
 - (7) Any person who violates KRS 189.510 or KRS 189.515 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50).
 - (8) Any peace officer who violates subsection (2) of KRS 189.520 shall be fined not less than thirty-five dollars (\$35) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
 - (9) (a) Any person who violates KRS 189.530(1) shall be fined not less than thirty-five dollars (\$35) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100), or imprisoned not less than thirty (30) days nor more than twelve (12) months, or both.
(b) Any person who violates KRS 189.530(2) shall be fined not less than thirty-five dollars (\$35) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
 - (10) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 189.550 shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
 - (11) Any person who violates subsection (2) of KRS 189.560 shall be fined not less than thirty dollars (\$30) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense.
 - (12) The fines imposed by paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and subsections (6) and (7) of this section shall, in the case of a public highway, be paid into the county road fund, and, in the case of a privately owned road or bridge, be paid to the owner. These fines shall not bar an action for damages for breach of contract.
 - (13) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 189.120 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense.
 - (14) Any person who violates any provision of KRS 189.575 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25).
 - (15) Any person who violates subsection (2) of KRS 189.231 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense.
 - (16) Any person who violates restrictions or regulations established by the secretary of transportation pursuant to subsection (3) of KRS 189.231 shall, upon first offense, be fined one hundred dollars (\$100) and, upon subsequent convictions, be fined not less than one

hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned for thirty (30) days, or both.

- (17) (a) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 189.565 shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
 - (b) In addition to the penalties prescribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, in case of violation by any person in whose name the vehicle used in the transportation of inflammable liquids or explosives is licensed, the person shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Each violation shall constitute a separate offense.
- (18) Any person who abandons a vehicle upon the right-of-way of a state highway for three (3) consecutive days shall be fined not less than thirty-five dollars (\$35) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100), or imprisoned for not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days.
- (19) Every person violating KRS 189.393 shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor, unless the offense is being committed by a defendant fleeing the commission of a felony offense which the defendant was also charged with violating and was subsequently convicted of that felony, in which case it is a Class A misdemeanor.
- (20) Any law enforcement agency which fails or refuses to forward the reports required by KRS 189.635 shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in KRS 17.157.
- (21) A person who elects to operate a bicycle in accordance with any regulations adopted pursuant to KRS 189.287 and who willfully violates a provision of a regulation shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100). A person who operates a bicycle without complying with any regulations adopted pursuant to KRS 189.287 or vehicle safety statutes shall be prosecuted for violation of the latter.
- (22) Any person who violates KRS 189.860 shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.
- (23) Any person who violates KRS 189.754 shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (24) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 189.125(3) shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50).
- (25) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 189.125(6) shall be fined an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (26) Fines levied pursuant to this chapter shall be assessed in the manner required by KRS 534.020, in amounts consistent with this chapter. Nonpayment of fines shall be governed by KRS 534.060.
- (27) A licensed driver under the age of eighteen (18) charged with a moving violation pursuant to this chapter as the driver of a motor vehicle may be referred, prior to trial, by the court to a diversionary program. The diversionary program under this subsection shall consist of one (1) or both of the following:
 - (a) Execution of a diversion agreement which prohibits the driver from operating a vehicle for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days and which allows the court to retain the driver's operator's license during this period; and

- (b) Attendance at a driver improvement clinic established pursuant to KRS 186.574. If the person completes the terms of this diversionary program satisfactorily the violation shall be dismissed.
- (28) A person who violates the provisions of subsection (2) or (3) of KRS 189.459 shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The fines and costs for a violation of subsection (2) or (3) of KRS 189.459 shall be collected and disposed of in accordance with KRS 24A.180. Once deposited into the State Treasury, ninety percent (90%) of the fine collected under this subsection shall immediately be forwarded to the personal care assistance program under KRS 205.900 to 205.920. Ten percent (10%) of the fine collected under this subsection shall annually be returned to the county where the violation occurred and distributed equally to all law enforcement agencies within the county.***

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