

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 11-301 and adding Sections 11-1301.10 and  
6 11-1301.11 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/11-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-301)  
8 Sec. 11-301. Department to adopt sign manual.

9 (a) The Department shall adopt a State manual and  
10 specifications for a uniform system of traffic-control  
11 devices consistent with this Chapter for use upon highways  
12 within this State. Such manual shall include the adoption of  
13 the R 7-8 sign adopted by the United States Department of  
14 Transportation to designate the reservation of parking  
15 facilities for a person with disabilities and the sign  
16 adopted by the Secretary of State to designate the  
17 reservation of parking facilities for an expectant mother.  
18 Non-conforming signs in use prior to January 1, 1985 shall  
19 not constitute a violation during their useful lives, which  
20 shall not be extended by other means than normal maintenance.  
21 The manual shall also specify insofar as practicable the  
22 minimum warrants justifying the use of the various traffic  
23 control devices. Such uniform system shall correlate with  
24 and, where not inconsistent with Illinois highway conditions,  
25 conform to the system set forth in the most recent edition of  
26 the national manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for  
27 Streets and Highways.

28 (b) Signs adopted by the Department to designate the  
29 reservation of parking facilities for a person with  
30 disabilities or an expectant mother shall also exhibit, in a  
31 manner determined by the Department, the words "\$100 Fine".

1 (c) If the amount of a fine is changed, the Department  
2 shall change the design of the signs to indicate the current  
3 amount of the fine.

4 (Source: P.A. 88-685, eff. 1-24-95; 89-533, eff. 1-1-97.)

5 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.10 new)

6 Sec. 11-1301.10. Special device for expectant mother  
7 parking.

8 (a) The Secretary of State shall provide for, by  
9 administrative rules, the design, size, color, and placement  
10 of an expectant mother motorist device and shall provide for,  
11 by administrative rules, the content and form of an  
12 application for an expectant mother motorist device, which  
13 must be used by local authorities in the issuance of the  
14 device to an expectant mother, provided that the device is  
15 valid for no more than 90 days, subject to renewal for like  
16 periods based upon continued pregnancy, and further provided  
17 that the device clearly sets forth the date that the device  
18 expires. The application must include the requirement of an  
19 Illinois Identification Card number or a State of Illinois  
20 driver's license number. This device is the property of the  
21 expectant mother and may be used by her to designate and  
22 identify a vehicle not owned by her to designate when the  
23 vehicle is being used to transport the expectant mother.  
24 Expectant mother devices issued and displayed under this  
25 Section must be recognized and honored by all local  
26 authorities, regardless of which local authority issued the  
27 device.

28 The device may be issued only upon a showing by adequate  
29 documentation that the person for whose benefit the device is  
30 to be used is an expectant mother whose mobility has been  
31 limited by her condition.

32 (b) The local governing authorities are responsible for  
33 the provision of the device, its issuance, and its designated

1 placement within the vehicle. The cost of the device is at  
2 the discretion of the local governing authority.

3 (c) The Secretary of State may issue an expectant mother  
4 parking device to an expectant mother whose mobility has been  
5 limited by her condition. Any expectant mother parking device  
6 issued by the Secretary of State must be registered to the  
7 expectant mother in the form to be prescribed by the  
8 Secretary of State. The expectant mother parking device may  
9 not display the person's address. One additional device may  
10 be issued to an applicant upon her written request and with  
11 the approval of the Secretary of State. The written request  
12 must include a justification of the need for the additional  
13 device.

14 (d) Replacement devices may be issued for lost, stolen,  
15 or destroyed devices, upon application and payment of a \$10  
16 fee.

17 (e) This Section does not require any parking lot to  
18 provide parking spaces reserved for expectant mothers.

19 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.11 new)

20 Sec. 11-1301.3. Unauthorized use of parking places  
21 reserved for expectant mothers.

22 (a) A person may not park any motor vehicle not properly  
23 displaying an expectant mother parking device, in any parking  
24 place, including any private or public offstreet parking  
25 facility, specifically reserved, by the posting of an  
26 official sign as designated under Section 11-301, for motor  
27 vehicles displaying the parking device. When using the  
28 parking privileges for an expectant mother, the parking  
29 device must be displayed properly in the vehicle where it is  
30 clearly visible to law enforcement personnel, either hanging  
31 from the rearview mirror or placed on the dashboard of the  
32 vehicle in clear view. An individual with a vehicle properly  
33 displaying an expectant mother parking device issued to an

1 expectant mother under Section 11-1301.10 is in violation of  
2 this Section if the person is not the authorized holder of an  
3 expectant mother parking device and is not transporting the  
4 authorized holder of an expectant mother parking device to or  
5 from the parking location and the person uses the expectant  
6 mother parking device to exercise any privileges granted  
7 through expectant mother parking devices under this Code. Any  
8 motor vehicle properly displaying an expectant mother parking  
9 device issued to expectant mothers by any local authority,  
10 state, district, territory, or foreign country shall be  
11 recognized by State and local authorities as a device and  
12 receive the same parking privileges as residents of this  
13 State.

14 (b) Any person or local authority owning or operating  
15 any public or private offstreet parking facility may, after  
16 notifying the police or sheriff's department, remove or cause  
17 to be removed to the nearest garage or other place of safety  
18 any vehicle parked within a stall or space reserved for use  
19 by an expectant mother which does not display an expectant  
20 mother parking device as required under this Section.

21 (c) Any person found guilty of violating this Section  
22 shall be fined \$100 in addition to any costs or charges  
23 connected with the removal or storage of any motor vehicle  
24 authorized under this Section; but municipalities by  
25 ordinance may impose a fine up to \$200 and shall display  
26 signs indicating the fine imposed. If the amount of the fine  
27 is subsequently changed, the municipality shall change the  
28 sign to indicate the current amount of the fine. It shall not  
29 be a defense to a charge under this Section that the sign  
30 posted pursuant to this Section does not comply with the  
31 technical requirements of Section 11-301, Department  
32 regulations, or local ordinance if a reasonable person would  
33 be made aware by the sign or notice on or near the parking  
34 place that the place is reserved for an expectant mother.

1       (d) Local authorities shall impose fines as established  
2 in subsection (c) for violations of this Section.

3       (e) As used in this Section, "authorized holder" means  
4 an individual issued an expectant mother parking device under  
5 Section 11-1301.10 of this Code.