

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 390

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN

TRANSPORTATION: Establishes a parking fee exemption for disabled veterans at cruise terminals for the Port of New Orleans

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 29:27.2, relative to parking for disabled veterans; to provide for a parking fee  
3 exemption for all service-connected disabled veterans at the Port of New Orleans  
4 cruise terminals; to establish identification requirements applicable to the parking fee  
5 exemption at cruise terminals for the Port of New Orleans; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 29:27.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §27.1. Port of New Orleans cruise terminal parking fee exemption for disabled  
10 veterans

11 A. The Port of New Orleans shall provide free cruise terminal parking for  
12 a disabled veteran, his conveyance, and his passengers if the disabled veteran  
13 provides proof of his service-connected disability of fifty percent or more in the form  
14 of a military honor license plate as provided for in R.S. 47:490.4 and 490.31, or a  
15 completed certificate from the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs certifying  
16 that the disabled veteran has a service-connected disability of fifty percent or more,  
17 as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

18 B. A disabled veteran shall park in a designated Port of New Orleans cruise  
19 terminal parking lot to receive the parking fee exemption. The parking fee

1 exemption shall not apply if the disabled veteran parks outside of a designated Port  
2 of New Orleans parking lot.

3 C. A disabled veteran authorized to park for free at the designated Port of  
4 New Orleans cruise terminals pursuant to this Section shall be prohibited from  
5 parking for a period exceeding seven days. The Port of New Orleans may charge a  
6 disabled veteran the customary parking fee for each additional day the disabled  
7 veteran is parked at the cruise terminal that exceeds seven days.

8 D. Notice of the disabled veterans parking fee exemption shall be printed in  
9 the Port of New Orleans brochures and displayed on the Port of New Orleans  
10 website. The Port of New Orleans may use other methods of informing the public  
11 of the fee exemption for disabled veterans to include, but not be limited to,  
12 advertisements and signage.

13 E. The Port of New Orleans may determine its own procedures for validating  
14 parking vouchers or reimbursing a parking fee as provided in this Section.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides disabled veterans with free parking at the Port of New Orleans cruise terminals for a period not to exceed seven days.

Proposed law provides free parking for a disabled veteran, his conveyance, and his passengers at any Port of New Orleans cruise terminal.

Proposed law requires the disabled veteran to provide proof of disability in the form of a military honor license plate or a completed certificate from the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Proposed law requires the disabled veteran to park in the Port of New Orleans designated parking lots to receive the parking fee exemption.

Proposed law specifies that the time period an authorized disabled veteran is granted free parking at the Port of New Orleans cruise terminal cannot exceed seven days. Further provides that a disabled veteran may be charged the customary parking fee for each day he remains parked at the cruise terminal beyond seven days.

Proposed law authorizes the Port of New Orleans to utilize appropriate methods of informing the public of the free parking for disabled veterans to include, but not be limited to, advertisements and signage.

Proposed law allows for the Port of New Orleans to determine its own procedures for validating parking vouchers or reimbursing a parking fee.

(Adds R.S. 29:27.2)