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HOUSE BILL NO. 140

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BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON, CHASSION, KNOX, AND TAYLOR

AIRCRAFT/AIRPORTS: Provides relative to proof of disability requirements for an airport parking exemption for disabled veterans

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:27.1(A), and (B) relative to parking for disabled veterans; to 3 clarify proof of disability requirements for honoring free airport parking for disabled 4 veterans; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 29:27.1(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as 7 follows: 8 §27.1. Airport parking exemption for certain disabled veterans 9 A. All air carrier airports shall provide free airport parking for a disabled 10 veteran, his conveyance, and his passengers if the disabled veteran provides proof 11 of his service-connected disability of fifty percent or more in the form of a military 12 honor license plate as provided for in R.S. 47:490.4 and 490.31, or a disabled veteran 13 identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or a 14 completed certificate from the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs certifying 15 that the disabled veteran has a service-connected disability of fifty percent or more, 16 as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. 17 B. A disabled veteran shall be authorized to park for free at an airport 18 pursuant to this Section shall be prohibited from parking for a period exceeding ten 19 days. An air carrier airport may charge a disabled veteran the customary parking fee

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- 1 for each day he is parked at the airport that exceeds ten days. upon proof of an airline
- 2 ticket showing the departure and return date.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds disabled veteran identification cards to the proof of disability requirements for air carrier airports to provide free parking to disabled veterans.

<u>Present law</u> provides free parking for a disabled veteran, his conveyance, and his passengers at any air carrier airport if the veteran provides proof of his disability in the form of a military honor license plate or a completed certificate from the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs certifying that the disabled veteran has a service-connected disability of 50% or more, as determined by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

<u>Present law</u> specifies that free parking at air carrier airports is authorized for any disabled veteran, his conveyance, and his passengers at any air carrier airport.

<u>Present law</u> specifies that if the disabled veteran provides proof of his service-connected disability in the form of a military honor license plate or a completed certificate from the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs certifying that the disabled veteran has a service-connected disability, as determined by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, he may avail himself of free airport parking.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds a disabled veteran identification card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as an acceptable form of proof of disability for purposes of <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> specifies that a disabled veteran authorized to park for free at an airport pursuant to <u>present law</u> is prohibited from parking for a period exceeding 10 days. Further specifies an air carrier airport may charge a disabled veteran the customary parking fee for each day he is parked at the airport that exceeds 10 days.

<u>Proposed law</u> modifies <u>present law</u> by removing the 10 day parking limitation and specifying that a disabled veteran is authorized to park free at an airport upon proof of an airline ticket showing the departure and return date.

(Amends R.S. 29:27.1(A) and (B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Specify that a disabled veteran is authorized to park free at an airport upon proof of an airline ticket showing the departure and return date.
- 3. Remove a provision that limited a disabled veteran's ability to park to a maximum of ten days.

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4. Remove the ability of an air carrier airport to charge a disabled veteran the customary parking fee for each day beyond the ten days.