## **DIGEST**

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HB 140 Reengrossed

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Horton

**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.
- 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.