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AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:27.2(A) through (D), relative to the Port of New Orleans; to 3 provide for a parking fee exemption for Louisiana service-connected disabled 4 veterans at the Port of New Orleans cruise terminals; to establish identification and 5 residency requirements applicable to the parking fee exemption at the cruise 6 terminals for the Port of New Orleans; and to provide for related matters. 7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: Section 1. R.S. 29:27.2(A) through (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read 8 9 as follows: 10 §27.2. Port of New Orleans cruise terminal parking fee exemption for Louisiana 11 disabled veterans 12 A.(1) The Port of New Orleans shall provide free cruise terminal parking, 13 subject to availability, at a Port of New Orleans-owned cruise terminal parking 14 facility which shall be located in the closest available cruise terminal parking lot, for 15 a Louisiana disabled veteran, his conveyance, and his passengers if the disabled 16 veteran provides proof of his service-connected disability of fifty percent or more in 17 the form of a military honor license plate as provided for in R.S. 47:490.4 and 18 490.31, or a completed certificate from the Louisiana Department of Veterans 19 Affairs certifying that the disabled veteran has a service-connected disability of fifty 20 percent or more, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

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1 (2) The Louisiana disabled veteran shall also provide a state-issued driver's 2 license or special identification card for proof of residency. 3 B. A Louisiana disabled veteran shall park in a designated Port of New 4 Orleans Orleans-owned cruise terminal parking lot to receive the parking fee 5 exemption. The parking fee exemption shall not apply if the Louisiana disabled 6 veteran parks outside of a designated Port of New Orleans Orleans-owned cruise 7 terminal parking lot. 8 C. A Louisiana disabled veteran authorized to park for free at the designated 9 Port of New Orleans Orleans-owned cruise terminals terminal parking lot pursuant 10 to this Section shall be prohibited from parking for a period exceeding seven days. 11 The Port of New Orleans may charge a the Louisiana disabled veteran the customary 12 parking fee for each additional day the disabled veteran is parked at the cruise 13 terminal that exceeds seven days. 14 D. Notice of the disabled veterans parking fee exemption for Louisiana 15 disabled veterans shall be printed in the Port of New Orleans brochures and 16 displayed on the Port of New Orleans website. The Port of New Orleans may use 17 other methods of informing the public of the fee exemption for disabled veterans to 18 include but not be limited to advertisements and signage. 19 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA APPROVED: \_\_\_\_