RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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<u>Prior law</u> provided free parking for a disabled veteran, his conveyance, and his passengers at any Port of N.O. cruise terminal. Required that free parking for the disabled veteran be located in the closest available cruise terminal parking lot. Further required 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.

<u>New law</u> modifies <u>prior law</u> by limiting the parking fee exemption to La. disabled veterans their conveyance, and their passengers only, subject to availability, and requires the disabled veteran provide a state-issued driver's license or special identification card for proof of residency. Further clarifies that "parking lot" is a Port of N.O.-owned cruise terminal parking facility.

<u>Prior law</u> required a disabled veteran to park in the Port of N.O. designated parking lots to receive the parking fee exemption.

<u>New law</u> modifies <u>prior law</u> by specifying that the requirement applies to a La. disabled veteran. Clarifies that the cruise terminal parking lot is owned by the Port of N.O.

<u>Prior law</u> specified that the time period an authorized disabled veteran was granted free parking at the Port of N.O. cruise terminal could not exceed seven days. Further provided that a disabled veteran may be charged the customary parking fee for each day he remained parked at the cruise terminal beyond seven days.

<u>New law</u> modifies <u>prior law</u> by specifying that the seven-day free parking time period and the customary charging fee for each day for parking only applies to a La. disabled veteran.

<u>Prior law</u> authorized the Port of N.O. 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.

<u>New law</u> modifies <u>prior law</u> by specifying that the free parking information distributed by the Port of N.O. applies for La. disabled veterans only.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 29:27.2(A) - (D))