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Abstract: Limits the Port of New Orleans parking fee exemption to Louisiana disabled veterans.

Present law provides free parking for a disabled veteran, his conveyance, and his passengers at any Port of N.O. cruise terminal. Requires that free parking for the disabled veteran be located in the closest available cruise terminal parking lot. Further 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 modifies present law by limiting the parking fee exemption to La. disabled veterans only and requires the disabled veteran to 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.

Present law requires the disabled veteran to park in the Port of N.O. designated parking lots to receive the parking fee exemption.

Proposed law modifies present law 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.

Present law specifies that the time period an authorized disabled veteran is granted free parking at the Port of N.O. 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 modifies present law 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.

Present law authorizes 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.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that the free parking information distributed by the Port of N.O. applies for La. disabled veterans only.

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