

A bill for an act

relating to traffic regulations; establishing minimum requirements for city's permit program for long-term disability parking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.346, subdivision 5.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.346, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Local ordinance; long-term parking.** A statutory or home rule charter city may enact an ordinance establishing a permit program for long-term disability parking. If a city enacts the ordinance, a permit program for long-term disability parking must establish as a minimum:

(1) a limitation on disability parking of a maximum of four hours during the hours of enforcement, on one-hour and two-hour parking meters;

(2) provision for on-street van parking when the vehicle is too high for the parking ramp, within a reasonable distance from the ramp;

(3) a requirement for city parking lots and ramps to provide a 50 percent discount on monthly fees for contracted parkers with disabilities, with appropriate vehicle identification, who park in designated disability parking spaces;

(4) increased enforcement for all meter users, including but not limited to commercial vehicles and city vehicles, and expired meters; and

(5) issuance of a special needs permit to an employed person with severe disability for an all-day, on-street parking permit that will accommodate the person's access needs.