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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; requiring uniform disability parking signs; providing
1.3 criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.346, subdivision
1.4 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 169.346, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Disability parking space signs. (a) Parking spaces reserved for physically
1.8 disabled persons must be designated and identified by the posting of signs incorporating
1.9 the international symbol of access in white on blue and indicating that violators are subject
1.10 to a fine of up to \$200. These parking spaces are reserved for disabled persons with motor
1.11 vehicles displaying the required certificate, plates, permit valid for 30 days, or insignia.

1.12 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, a parking space that is clearly identified as reserved
1.13 for physically disabled persons by a permanently posted sign that does not meet all design
1.14 standards, is considered designated and reserved for physically disabled persons. A sign
1.15 posted for the purpose of this section must be visible from inside a motor vehicle parked in
1.16 the space, be kept clear of snow or other obstructions which block its visibility, and be
1.17 nonmovable.

1.18 (c) The Minnesota Council on Disability must select and propose a statewide uniform
1.19 disability parking space sign that is consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
1.20 The selected and proposed sign must not display any variation of the word "handicapped."
1.21 An applicable owner or manager of property on which a disability parking space sign is
1.22 located must replace all existing disability parking space signs with the selected and proposed
1.23 sign at the owner's or manager's earliest opportunity but no later than July 1, 2026. If an

2.1 applicable owner or manager fails to replace old signs with the selected and proposed sign
2.2 by July 1, 2026, the owner or manager is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of
2.3 up to \$500 in accordance with subdivision 2a.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.