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SENATE BILL 610

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ACCESSIBLE PARKING STANDARDS; AMENDING A SECTION OF  
THE GREATER MUNICIPALITY PARKING LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 3-51-46 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,  
Chapter 22, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"3-51-46. PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE OF A PERSON WITH A  
DISABILITY--PARKING PRIVILEGE.--Passenger motor vehicles owned  
by and carrying a person with a disability and displaying  
special registration plates, or passenger motor vehicles  
carrying persons with severe mobility impairment and displaying  
parking placards, issued pursuant to Section 66-3-16 NMSA 1978,  
shall be permitted to park for [~~unlimited periods of time~~] up  
to seven calendar days in parking zones restricted as to length  
of time parking is normally permitted and are exempt from

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1 payment of any parking fee of the state or its political  
2 subdivisions during those seven calendar days. The provisions  
3 of this section shall prevail over any other law, rule or local  
4 ordinance but do not apply to zones where stopping, standing or  
5 parking is prohibited, zones reserved for special types of  
6 vehicles, zones where parking is prohibited during certain  
7 hours of the day in order to facilitate traffic during those  
8 hours when parking is prohibited and zones subject to similar  
9 regulation because parking presents a traffic hazard."