

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The 74th legislature enacted H.B. 2083, which relates to the issuance of special license plates and parking placards for vehicles owned by or transporting disabled persons. One provision in H.B. 2083 prohibits a governmental entity from charging an individual displaying a disabled permit for parking in a parking garage or parking lot. As a result, the Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) airport was prohibited from assessing parking fees on disabled individuals. DFW airport officials estimate that the airport loses approximately \$1,696,000 in parking fee revenue due to this legislation. H.B. 3026 would permit the reimposition of fees on certain disabled individuals who park at DFW International Airport.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3025 outlines provisions regarding parking fees imposed by a governmental authority.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 681.006(b), Transportation Code, to delete text providing that the owner of a vehicle is exempt from the payment of a fee or penalty imposed by a governmental unit for parking at a meter or in a space with a limitation on the length of time for parking under certain circumstances.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 681.006, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (e), to provide that nothing in this code shall be interpreted as exempting any owner or operator of a vehicle from payment of fees or penalties imposed by a governmental unit for parking at a meter, in a parking garage or lot, or in a space located within the boundaries of a municipal airport.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.