

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1032  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, some people abuse the parking privilege given to people with disabilities. H.B. 1032 would increase the fines paid by disabled parking offenders, and would mandate community service on the third offense for multiple offenders.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1032 sets forth regulations regarding parking for persons with disabilities.

### **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 681.002, Transportation Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(b) Requires a disabled parking placard to be two-sided and hooked and include on each side an expiration date at least three inches in height.

(e) Requires the expiration date to be indicated on the placard by a month and year hole-punch system, in addition to the expiration date included on a disabled parking placard under Subsection (b).

SECTION 2. Amends Section 681.011, Transportation Code, by amending Subsections (g)-(k) and by adding Subsection (m), as follows:

(g) Provides that an offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no less than \$250, rather than \$100, or more than \$500, rather than \$200, except as provided by Subsections (h)-(k).

(h) Provides that the offense is punishable by a fine of no less than \$300, rather than \$200, or more than \$600, rather than \$300, if it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that the person has been previously convicted one time of an offense under this section.

(i) Provides that the offense is punishable by a fine of no less than \$300 or more than \$600, and no less than 10 or more than 20 hours of community service, rather than \$400, if it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that the person has been previously convicted two times of an offense under this section. Makes a conforming change.

(j) Provides that the offense is punishable by a fine of no less than \$500, rather than \$400, or more than \$1,000, and no less than 20 or more than 50 hours of community service, rather than \$500, if it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that the person has been previously convicted three times of an offense under this section. Makes a conforming change.

(k) Provides that the offense is punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and 50 hours of community service, if it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that the person has been previously convicted four times of an offense under this section.

(m) Sets forth conditions for an offense.

SECTION 3. Repealer: Section 681.011(1), Transportation Code (Offenses; Presumption).

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.