

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB524

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 10, 2009
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Friend
One Liner: Increase fines for handicapped parking infractions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Coash, Cook, Friend, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, White
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Friend
Craig Enenbach
Pat Enenbach
Kathy Hoell
John Shannahan

Representing:

Introducer
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Omaha Police Dept. Handicapped Parking Patrol
Self
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill deals with handicapped parking proposing to increase the penalties for handicapped parking infractions. It would be applicable to cities of all classes and villages, any place subject to a state statute, a municipal ordinance, or a federal regulation governing handicapped parking, and any parking place designated by the state as a handicapped parking place at a state facility.

This bill proposes to amend Section 18-1741.02 dealing with the penalties for handicapped parking infractions. It would increase the various penalties for such infractions, moving the penalty for an initial infraction from one hundred dollars to one hundred and fifty dollars, for a second infraction (within a one year period) from two hundred to three hundred dollars, and for a third (or subsequent infraction during the same one year period) from three hundred to five hundred dollars.

The current penalties have not been revised since 1993 (sixteen years ago).

Handicapped parking infractions extend beyond simply parking without a permit in a designated parking place to a range of other offenses relating to the use or misuse of such permits under a range of circumstances.
