SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Department of State Health Services shall prescribe the form required by Section 1001.080, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. As soon as possible after the effective date of this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall apply for any waiver or other authorization necessary to implement this Act. The commission may delay implementing this Act until the waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on April 11, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 20, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 2, two present not voting.

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CHAPTER 766

S.B. No. 1061

AN ACT

relating to parking privileges of disabled veterans on the property of institutions of higher education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 681.008, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1) A vehicle described by Subsection (a) may be parked for an unlimited period in a parking space or area that is designated specifically for persons with physical disabilities on the property of an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, regardless of whether a permit is generally required for the use of the space or area. An institution of higher education may require a vehicle described by Subsection (a) to display a parking permit issued by the institution specifically for the purpose of implementing this subsection, but may not charge a fee for the permit. This subsection does not entitle a person to park a vehicle described by Subsection (a) in a parking space or area that has not been designated specifically for persons with physical disabilities on the property of the institution if the vehicle has not been granted or assigned a parking permit required by the institution.

(a-2) Subsection (a-1) does not apply to a parking space or area located in:

(1) a controlled access parking facility if at least 50 percent of the number of parking spaces or areas designated specifically for persons with physical disabilities on the property of the institution of higher education are located outside a controlled access parking facility;

(2) an area temporarily designated for special event parking; or

(3) an area where parking is temporarily prohibited for health or safety concerns.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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