

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 508

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TRANSPORTATION: Restricts a parking fee exemption to Louisiana disabled veterans parking at cruise terminals for the Port of New Orleans

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:27.2(A) through (D), relative to the Port of New Orleans; to
3 provide for a parking fee exemption for Louisiana service-connected disabled
4 veterans at the Port of New Orleans cruise terminals; to establish identification and
5 residency requirements applicable to the parking fee exemption at the cruise
6 terminals for the Port of New Orleans; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 29:27.2(A) through (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
9 as follows:

10 §27.2. Port of New Orleans cruise terminal parking fee exemption for Louisiana
11 disabled veterans

12 A.(1) The Port of New Orleans shall provide free cruise terminal parking,
13 subject to availability, at a Port of New Orleans-owned cruise terminal parking
14 facility which shall be located in the closest available cruise terminal parking lot, for
15 a Louisiana disabled veteran, his conveyance, and his passengers if the disabled
16 veteran provides proof of his service-connected disability of fifty percent or more in
17 the form of a military honor license plate as provided for in R.S. 47:490.4 and
18 490.31, or a completed certificate from the Louisiana Department of Veterans
19 Affairs certifying that the disabled veteran has a service-connected disability of fifty
20 percent or more, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Proposed law modifies present law by limiting the parking fee exemption to La. disabled veterans only and requires the disabled veteran to provide a state-issued driver's license or special identification card for proof of residency. Further clarifies that "parking lot" is a Port of N.O.-owned cruise terminal parking facility.

Present law requires the disabled veteran to park in the Port of N.O. designated parking lots to receive the parking fee exemption.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that the requirement applies to a La. disabled veteran. Clarifies that the cruise terminal parking lot is owned by the Port of N.O.

Present law specifies that the time period an authorized disabled veteran is granted free parking at the Port of N.O. cruise terminal cannot exceed seven days. Further provides that a disabled veteran may be charged the customary parking fee for each day he remains parked at the cruise terminal beyond seven days.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that the seven-day free parking time period and the customary charging fee for each day for parking only applies to a La. disabled veteran.

Present law authorizes the Port of N.O. to utilize appropriate methods of informing the public of the free parking for disabled veterans to include, but not be limited to, advertisements and signage.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that the free parking information distributed by the Port of N.O. applies for La. disabled veterans only.

(Amends R.S. 29:27.2(A) through (D))