

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 854

2018 Regular Session

Horton

May 18, 2018

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 854 by Representative Horton, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Bishop (#4347) be rejected.
- 2. That the following amendment to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "all" to "certain"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, after "for" and before "disabled" insert "certain"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, delete "any" and insert "a"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 11, after "disability" and before "in" insert "of fifty percent or more"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 14, after "disability" and before the comma "," insert "of fifty percent or more"

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Patrick Page Cortez

Representative Terry Landry

Senator Sharon Hewitt

Representative Alan T. Seabaugh

Senator Wesley Bishop

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

AIRCRAFT/AIRPORTS: Provides relative to free parking for disabled veterans at airports

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Authorized an air carrier airport that has parking facilities financed through a Federal Aviation Authority Airport Improvement grant to deny free airport parking to disabled veterans with a service-connected disability until the airport submits a veteran parking plan to the Federal Aviation Authority and the plan is approved.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Specify that in order to qualify for an airport parking exemption a disabled veteran must provide proof of a service-connected disability of fifty percent or more.
2. Clarify that the certificate completed by the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, as proof of disability, must certify that the disabled veteran has a service-connected disability of fifty percent or more.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides free parking for a disabled veteran, his conveyance, and his passengers at any air carrier airport if the veteran provides proof of his disability in the form of a military honor license plate or a disabled veteran identification card.

Proposed law specifies that free parking at air carrier airports is authorized for any disabled veteran, his conveyance, and his passengers at any air carrier airport if the veteran provides proof of his service-connected disability of 50% or more in the form of a military honor license plate or a completed certificate from the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs certifying that the disabled veteran has a service-connected disability of 50% or more, as determined by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

(Amends R.S. 29:27.1(A))