

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2067

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal

February 18, 2010

An act to amend Section 22502 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2067, as introduced, Bonnie Lowenthal. Vehicles: parking.

Existing law generally requires a vehicle, stopped or parked upon a roadway where there are adjacent curbs, to be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb, with specified exceptions, including authorizing a vehicle to be stopped or parked with the left-hand wheels parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb on a one-way roadway.

This bill would authorize the City of Long Beach to permit vehicles to park on the left-hand side of the roadway parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb on a two-way local residential street that dead-ends with no designated area in which to turn around provided that the city makes a finding, supported by a professional engineering study, that the ordinance or resolution is justified by the need to facilitate the safe and orderly movement of vehicles, and the applicable streets are demarcated with signs or markings giving adequate notice of the parking allowances.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22502 of the Vehicle Code is amended
 2 to read:

3 22502. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this ~~chapter every~~
 4 ~~chapter~~, a vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there
 5 are adjacent curbs shall be stopped or parked with the right-hand
 6 wheels of ~~such the~~ vehicle parallel with and within 18 inches of
 7 the right-hand curb, except that ~~motorcycles a motorcycle~~ shall be
 8 parked with at least one wheel or fender touching the right-hand
 9 curb. Where no curbs or barriers bound ~~any a~~ two-way roadway,
 10 right-hand parallel parking is required unless otherwise indicated.

11 (b) (1) The provisions of subdivision (a) or (e) do not apply to
 12 a commercial vehicle if a variation from the requirements of
 13 subdivision (a) or (e) is reasonably necessary to accomplish the
 14 loading or unloading of merchandise or passengers on, or from,
 15 ~~such a~~ vehicle and while anything connected with ~~such the~~ loading,
 16 or unloading, is being executed.

17 ~~This~~

18 (2) ~~This~~ subdivision ~~shall not be construed to~~ *does not* permit
 19 ~~any a~~ vehicle to stop or park upon a roadway in a direction opposite
 20 to that in which traffic normally moves upon that half of the
 21 roadway on which ~~such the~~ vehicle is stopped or parked.

22 (c) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subdivision (b), ~~local~~
 23 ~~authorities a local authority~~ may, by ordinance, prohibit *a*
 24 ~~commercial vehicles vehicle~~ from stopping, parking, or standing
 25 on one side of a roadway in a business district with the wheels of
 26 ~~such the~~ vehicle more than 18 inches from the curb. The ordinance
 27 shall be effective only if signs are placed in the areas to which it
 28 is applicable clearly indicating the prohibition.

29 (d) This section does not apply to vehicles of a public utility
 30 when ~~such the~~ vehicles are being used in connection with the
 31 operation, maintenance, or repair of facilities of the public utility
 32 or are being used in connection with providing public utility
 33 service.

34 (e) (1) Upon a one-way roadway, ~~vehicles a vehicle~~ may be
 35 stopped or parked as provided in subdivision (a) or with the
 36 left-hand wheels parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand
 37 curb, except that ~~motorcycles a motorcycle~~, if parked on the
 38 left-hand side, shall have either one wheel or one fender touching

1 ~~such~~ *the* curb. Where no curb or barriers bound ~~any such~~ *a* one-way
2 roadway, parallel parking on either side is required unless otherwise
3 indicated.

4 ~~The provision of this~~

5 (2) ~~This~~ subdivision ~~shall~~ *does* not apply upon ~~the roadways a~~
6 *roadway* of a divided highway.

7 (f) *The City of Long Beach may, by ordinance or resolution,*
8 *authorize vehicles to park on the left-hand side of the roadway*
9 *parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb on two-way*
10 *local residential streets that dead-end with no cul-de-sac or other*
11 *designated area in which to turn around, if the City of Long Beach*
12 *has first made a finding, supported by a professional engineering*
13 *study, that the ordinance or resolution is justified by the need to*
14 *facilitate the safe and orderly movement of vehicles on the*
15 *roadways affected by the resolution or ordinance. The ordinance*
16 *or resolution may designate certain streets or portions of streets*
17 *on which the permission applies. The ordinance or resolution*
18 *permitting that parking shall not apply until signs or markings*
19 *giving adequate notice have been placed near the designated*
20 *roadways.*

21 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law
22 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable
23 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
24 Constitution because Long Beach residents require safer access
25 into and out of the uniquely impacted streets, to decrease the
26 potential for “fender benders” and to give residents better access
27 to their homes and apartments.

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