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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

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 amended, 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 *implement a pilot program 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 certain two-way local residential-street streets that dead-ends dead-end* 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. *The bill would require the city to submit to the Legislature, 2 years from the date of the enactment of the local ordinance or resolution that establishes the pilot program, a report that outlines the advantages and disadvantages of the pilot program. The bill would require the pilot*

program to terminate one year from the date that the report is submitted to the Legislature, unless otherwise extended by the Legislature.

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, a
4 vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there are adjacent
5 curbs shall be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the
6 vehicle parallel with and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb,
7 except that a motorcycle shall be parked with at least one wheel
8 or fender touching the right-hand curb. Where no curbs or barriers
9 bound a two-way roadway, right-hand parallel parking is required
10 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, a
15 vehicle and while anything connected with the loading, or
16 unloading, is being executed.

17 (2) This subdivision does not permit a vehicle to stop or park
18 upon a roadway in a direction opposite to that in which traffic
19 normally moves upon that half of the roadway on which the vehicle
20 is stopped or parked.

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

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

31 (e) (1) Upon a one-way roadway, a vehicle may be stopped or
32 parked as provided in subdivision (a) or with the left-hand wheels
33 parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb, except that

1 a motorcycle, if parked on the left-hand side, shall have either one
2 wheel or one fender touching the curb. Where no curb or barriers
3 bound a one-way roadway, parallel parking on either side is
4 required unless otherwise indicated.

5 (2) This subdivision does not apply upon a roadway of a divided
6 highway.

7 (f) The City of Long Beach may, by ordinance or resolution,
8 *implement a pilot program to authorize vehicles to park on the*
9 *left-hand side of the roadway parallel to and within 18 inches of*
10 *the left-hand curb on two-way local residential streets that dead-end*
11 *with no cul-de-sac or other designated area in which to turn around,*
12 *if the City of Long Beach has first made a finding, supported by*
13 *a professional engineering study, that the ordinance or resolution*
14 *is justified by the need to facilitate the safe and orderly movement*
15 *of vehicles on the roadways affected by the resolution or ordinance.*
16 ~~The ordinance or resolution may designate certain streets or~~
17 ~~portions of streets on which the permission applies~~ *The area*
18 *covered by the ordinance or resolution shall be limited to the*
19 *streets perpendicular to Ocean Boulevard beginning at Balboa*
20 *Place and ending at 72nd Place, but shall not cover 62nd Place.*
21 The ordinance or resolution permitting that parking shall not apply
22 until signs or markings giving adequate notice have been placed
23 near the designated roadways. *The city shall submit to the*
24 *Legislature, two years from the date of the enactment of the*
25 *ordinance or resolution that establishes the pilot program, a report*
26 *that outlines the advantages and disadvantages of the pilot*
27 *program. The pilot program shall terminate one year from the*
28 *date that the report is submitted to the Legislature, unless the*
29 *program is extended by the Legislature. The report submitted*
30 *pursuant to this subdivision shall be submitted in compliance with*
31 *Section 9795 of the Government Code.*

32 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law
33 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable
34 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
35 Constitution because Long Beach residents require safer access
36 into and out of the uniquely impacted streets, to decrease the
37 potential for “fender benders” and to give residents better access
38 to their homes and apartments.

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