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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 certain two-way local residential streets that 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 terminate~~ the pilot program ~~to terminate one year from the date that the report is submitted to the Legislature, unless otherwise extended by the Legislature~~ 3 years from the date of enactment of the ordinance or resolution that establishes the pilot program.

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,

1 maintenance, or repair of facilities of the public utility or are being
2 used in connection with providing public utility service.

3 (e) (1) Upon a one-way roadway, a vehicle may be stopped or
4 parked as provided in subdivision (a) or with the left-hand wheels
5 parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb, except that
6 a motorcycle, if parked on the left-hand side, shall have either one
7 wheel or one fender touching the curb. Where no curb or barriers
8 bound a one-way roadway, parallel parking on either side is
9 required unless otherwise indicated.

10 (2) This subdivision does not apply upon a roadway of a divided
11 highway.

12 (f) (1) The City of Long Beach may, by ordinance or resolution,
13 implement a pilot program to authorize vehicles to park on the
14 left-hand side of the roadway parallel to and within 18 inches of
15 the left-hand curb on two-way local residential streets that dead-end
16 with no cul-de-sac or other designated area in which to turn around,
17 if the City of Long Beach has first made a finding, supported by
18 a professional engineering study, that the ordinance or resolution
19 is justified by the need to facilitate the safe and orderly movement
20 of vehicles on the roadways affected by the resolution or ordinance.
21 The area covered by the ordinance or resolution shall be limited
22 to the streets perpendicular to Ocean Boulevard beginning at
23 Balboa Place and ending at 72nd Place, but shall not cover 62nd
24 Place. The ordinance or resolution permitting that parking shall
25 not apply until signs or markings giving adequate notice have been
26 placed near the designated roadways. The city shall submit to the
27 Legislature, two years from the date of the enactment of the
28 ordinance or resolution that establishes the pilot program, a report
29 that outlines the advantages and disadvantages of the pilot program.
30 ~~The pilot program shall terminate one year from the date that the~~
31 ~~report is submitted to the Legislature, unless the program is~~
32 ~~extended by the Legislature. The report submitted~~ *program. The*
33 *report submitted* pursuant to this subdivision shall be submitted
34 in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

35 (2) *The pilot program authorized under this subdivision shall*
36 *terminate, and this subdivision shall become inoperative, three*
37 *years from the date of enactment of the ordinance or resolution*
38 *that establishes the pilot program.*

39 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law
40 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable

1 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
2 Constitution because Long Beach residents require safer access
3 into and out of the uniquely impacted streets, to decrease the
4 potential for “fender benders” and to give residents better access
5 to their homes and apartments.

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