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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 213

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal

February 2, 2009

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 213, 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 allow ~~local authorities~~ *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 ~~local authority~~ *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, 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 motorcycles shall be parked with at least one wheel or
8 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) The provisions of subdivision (a) or (e) do not apply to a
12 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 the vehicle and while anything connected with the loading, or
16 unloading, is being executed.

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

21 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), local authorities may, by
22 ordinance, prohibit commercial vehicles 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) Upon a one-way roadway, vehicles may be stopped or parked
32 as provided in subdivision (a) or with the left-hand wheels parallel
33 to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb, except that
34 motorcycles, if parked on the left-hand side, shall have either one
35 wheel or one fender touching the curb. Where no curb or barriers
36 bound a one-way roadway, parallel parking on either side is
37 required unless otherwise indicated.

1 This subdivision does not apply upon the roadways of a divided
2 highway.

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

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