

# House Bill (HB) 1936

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## Strengthening Enforcement of Accessible Parking Violations

HB 1936 would amend the Transportation Code by repealing Section 681.011 (f-2). This would allow peace officers to issue citations for parking violations in clearly marked accessible parking spaces, even if they are not updated to the newest Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR) standards.



In 2019, HB 3163 updated the standards and specifications of accessible parking spaces. However, TCLR only inspects newly constructed spaces for compliance, which left many spaces existing under the old standards. This has led to a drop in enforcing accessible parking violations in spaces that do not meet the updated specifications.



SB 904, passed in 2023, was meant to clear up this confusion. But a floor amendment to the bill unintentionally left the enforcement loophole in place. In some areas of the state, such as Mansfield, police departments have stopped issuing citations altogether, creating additional barriers for people with disabilities.



In its 2026-2027 Policy Recommendations Report to the 89th Texas Legislature, the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities called for lawmakers to "edit accessible parking language" to remove the section of the Transportation Code which has prevented law enforcement from holding people accountable for accessible parking violations.



"Texans with disabilities rely on designated parking spaces for safe and equal access, and those spaces must be protected. HB 1936 restores law enforcement's ability to take immediate action to issue citations when accessible parking violations occur."

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