

## CHAPTER 182

AN ACT permitting municipalities and municipal parking authorities to create Senior Citizen Priority Parking Programs and supplementing chapters 11A and 48 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.40:48-2.12t Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program created by municipality.

1. a. The governing body of a municipality, by resolution, may create a Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program to provide senior citizens age 60 or older who reside in the municipality with reduced parking permit rates and program-restricted parking spaces within the municipality for a single automobile registered to the senior citizen. Under such a program, a senior citizen shall be permitted to use a program-restricted parking space if the senior citizen is driving his or her own automobile, or if he or she is a passenger in his or her own automobile while the automobile is being driven by another person.

b. A municipality that creates a Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall determine the application process for the program, the cost of a reduced-rate parking permit and decal, and the number and location of program-restricted parking spaces, and shall post that information on the municipality's website, if one exists, and shall make the information available in printed form at the office of the municipal clerk. A municipality that participates in the program shall not charge an application fee to senior citizens applying for a reduced-rate parking permit, but may charge fees for the issuance or renewal of a permit.

c. The Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall design and shall make available to municipalities that create a Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program signs that identify program-restricted parking spaces. A municipality that creates a Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program pursuant to this section shall erect the signs as appropriate within the municipality in areas where program-restricted parking spaces are available. Signs erected pursuant to this section shall be consistent with applicable federal standards including those prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, if applicable.

C.40:11A-6.3 Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program created by municipal parking authority.

2. a. The commissioners of a municipal parking authority created pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1948, c.98 (C.40:11A-1 et seq.) by resolution, may create a Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program to provide senior citizens age 60 or older who reside in the municipality with reduced parking permit rates and program-restricted parking spaces within areas of the municipality under the jurisdiction of the authority for a single automobile registered to the senior citizen. Under such a program, a senior citizen shall receive the parking discount, and be permitted to park in a program-restricted parking space, if the senior citizen is driving his or her own automobile, or if he or she is a passenger in his or her automobile while the automobile is being driven by another person.

b. A municipal parking authority that creates a Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall determine the application process for the program, the cost of a reduced-rate parking permit and decal, and the number, and location of program-restricted parking spaces, and shall post that information on the municipality's website, if one exists, and on the parking authority's website, if one exists, and shall make

the information available in printed form at the office of the municipal clerk. A municipal parking authority that participates in the program shall not charge an application fee to senior citizens applying for a reduced-rate parking permit, but may charge fees for the issuance or renewal of a permit.

c. The Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall design and shall make available to municipal parking authorities that create a Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program signs that identify program-restricted parking spaces. A municipal parking authority that creates a Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program pursuant to this section shall erect the signs as appropriate within parking areas owned and operated by the municipal parking authority where program-restricted parking spaces are available. Signs erected pursuant to this section shall be consistent with applicable federal standards including those prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, if applicable.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 11, 2016.