

55:13A-7.3+7.4



LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 55:13A-7.3 and 55:13A-7.4

(Handicapped--parking--multiple dwellings--provide)

LAWS OF: 1985

CHAPTER: 280

Bill No: A1963

Sponsor(s): Doyle and Ford

Date Introduced: May 14, 1984

Committee: Assembly: Housing and Urban Policy

Senate: Law, Public Safety and Defense

Amended during passage: Yes Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks.

Date of Passage: Assembly: April 15, 1985

Senate: June 24, 1985

Date of Approval: August 9, 1985

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes (below) Attached: Senate amendments, adopted 6-17-85 (with statement)

Committee statement: Assembly Yes

Senate Yes

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: No

Message on Signing: ~~No~~ Yes.

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

Sponsors' statement:

(OVER)

This bill requires owners of multiple dwellings which presently provide parking for occupants of the dwelling to provide parking spaces for occupants who are handicapped. Presently, only public housing is required to provide parking spaces for handicapped persons.

280 85  
8-9  
[SECOND OFFICIAL COPY REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1963

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 14, 1984

By Assemblyman DOYLE and Assemblywoman FORD

A SUPPLEMENT to the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law," approved May 31, 1967 (P. L. 1967, c. 76; C. 55:13A-1 et seq.), as said short title was amended by P. L. 1970, c. 138.

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

1 1. Any owner of a multiple dwelling which, as of the enactment  
2 of this act or at any time thereafter, provides parking to the  
3 occupants thereof\*, *and in which a handicapped person resides,\**  
4 shall provide parking spaces for occupants who are handicapped  
5 located at the closest possible proximity to the principal accesses of  
5A the multiple dwelling.

6 A minimum of 1% of the total number of parking spaces pro-  
7 vided for the occupants of the multiple dwelling, but not less than  
8 one parking space, shall be set aside as parking for the handi-  
9 capped. Each space or group of spaces shall be identified with a  
10 clearly visible sign displaying the International Symbol of Access  
11 along with the following wording: "This space reserved for physi-  
12 cally handicapped drivers." Where possible, the space shall be 12  
13 feet wide to allow room for a person in a wheelchair or on braces or  
14 crutches to get in and out of either side of an automobile onto a  
15 level, paved surface suitable for wheeling and walking and shall  
16 be located so that a person in a wheelchair or using braces or  
17 crutches is not compelled to wheel or walk behind parked cars.  
18 Where applicable, curb ramps shall be provided to permit a handi-  
19 capped person access from the parking area to the sidewalk.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter printed in italics *thus* is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:**

**\*—Assembly committee amendments adopted June 25, 1984.**

**\*\*—Senate amendments adopted June 17, 1985.**

20 For purposes of this section "handicapped" means a physical  
 21 impairment which confines a person to a wheelchair; causes a  
 22 person to walk with difficulty or insecurity; affects the sight or  
 23 hearing to the extent that a person functioning in public areas is  
 24 insecure or exposed to danger; causes faulty coordination; or  
 25 reduces mobility, flexibility, coordination and perceptiveness to the  
 26 extent that facilities are needed to provide for the safety of that  
 27 person.

1 \*2. This act shall not apply to any multiple dwelling \*\*[in which  
 2 access to dwelling units is through separate building entrances each  
 3 of which provides access to fewer than 10 units, or to any multiple  
 4 dwelling]\*\* with fewer than \*\*[10]\*\* \*\*5\*\* units.\*

1 \*[2.]\* \*3.\* This act shall take effect 180 days following enact-  
 2 ment.

---

22 person to walk with difficulty or insecurity; affects the sight or  
23 hearing to the extent that a person functioning in public areas is  
24 insecure or exposed to danger; causes faulty coordination; or  
25 reduces mobility, flexibility, coordination and perceptiveness to the  
26 extent that facilities are needed to provide for the safety of that  
27 person.

1 2. This act shall take effect 180 days following enactment.

---

STATEMENT

This bill requires owners of multiple dwellings which presently provide parking for occupants of the dwelling to provide parking spaces for occupants who are handicapped. Presently, only public housing is required to provide parking spaces for handicapped persons.

---

ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND URBAN POLICY  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1963**

with Assembly committee amendments

---

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

---

DATED: JUNE 25, 1984

This bill would require owners of multiple dwellings, if they provide parking for their tenants, to include spaces adapted to the particular needs of the handicapped. Under amendments adopted by the committee, this requirement would not apply to multiple dwellings (1) where there are no handicapped residents, (2) which have fewer than 10 dwelling units, or (3) have multiple entrances, each providing access to fewer than 10 units.

It is required that at least 1% of the parking spaces provided (but not less than one in any case) be set aside for the handicapped, and clearly labeled and reserved as such; that, "where possible", the reserved spaces be 12 feet wide, open to level spaces suitable for persons on crutches or in wheelchairs, and located so that such persons need not wheel or walk behind parked cars. "Where applicable," ramp access would be provided from parking area to sidewalk.

This bill is drawn as a supplement to the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law", P. L. 1967, c. 76 (C. 55:13A-1 et seq.), and would therefore be related to the enforcement mechanism of that act, under which correction of violations may be compelled by court order and uncorrected violations may lead to monetary penalties (\$50 up to \$5,000).

This bill would take effect 180 days after enactment, and would apply to existing multiple dwellings where parking is provided, as well as to future construction.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1963**

[OFFICIAL COPY REPRINT]

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 12, 1985

Assembly Bill No. 1963 OCR requires owners of multiple dwellings, if they provide parking for their tenants, to include parking spaces adapted to the particular needs of the handicapped.

The requirement to provide parking for the handicapped does not apply to a multiple dwelling (1) in which there are no handicapped residents, (2) which consists of fewer than 10 dwelling units, or (3) which has multiple entrances, each providing access to fewer than 10 dwelling units.

The bill requires that at least 1% of the parking spaces provided (but not less than one in any case) be set aside for the handicapped, and be clearly labeled and reserved as such; that where possible the reserved spaces be 12 feet wide, open to level spaces suitable for persons on crutches or in wheelchairs, and located so that such persons need not wheel or walk behind parked cars; and that where applicable, ramp access be provided from the parking area to the sidewalk.

This bill is drawn as a supplement to the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law", P. L. 1967, c. 76 (C. 55:13A-1 et seq.), and therefore is related to the enforcement mechanism of that act, under which correction of violations may be compelled by court order and uncorrected violations may lead to monetary penalties (from \$50 up to \$5,000).

This bill takes effect 180 days after enactment, and applies to existing multiple dwellings where parking is provided, as well as to future construction.

201  
6/18  
77

Senate Amendments  
proposed by Senator Russo 6/17/85  
to

Assembly Bill No. 1963 OCR  
sponsored by Assemblyman Doyle

Amend:

6-17

Page	Sec.	Line	
1	1	11	
2	2	1-4	On line 1 omit "in which" Omit lines 2 and 3 in entirety On line 4 omit "dwelling"
2	2	4	Omit "10" insert "five"

STATEMENT

These amendments establish that the bill applies to any multiple dwelling in which a handicapped person resides so long as it contains five or more dwelling units and provides parking for occupants.

Without these amendments, the bill exempts any multiple dwelling in which access to dwelling units is through separate building entrances, each of which provides access to fewer than 10 units and in which there are fewer than 10 units.

*Printer's Error* On page 1, section 1, line 11, after "long" insert "with" in Roman

**ADOPTED**  
JUN 17 1985





# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR NEWS RELEASE

CN-001

Contact: CARL GOLDEN  
609-292-8956

TRENTON, N.J. 08625

Release: FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1985

Governor Thomas H. Kean today signed legislation increasing the amount of funds which can be expended for funeral and burial expenses for a foster child or one receiving welfare assistance.

The legislation, A-2846, was sponsored by Assemblywoman Marlene Ford, D-Ocean.

Currently, the maximum payment for such expenses is \$550. The bill, effective in 30 days, increases that amount to a sum based on the average cost of a funeral and burial in the area.

Other bills signed by Kean include:

A-1929, sponsored by Assemblyman Anthony Marsella, D-Camden, to permit the Department of Energy to expend \$1 million to renovate public buildings in a program to reduce energy consumption. The \$1 million is in unexpended bond funds originally allocated to conduct energy audits of State buildings.

A-1963, sponsored by Assemblyman John Doyle, D-Ocean, to require designated parking spaces for handicapped persons at multiple dwellings with handicapped residents.

A-2764, sponsored by Assemblyman Paul Cuprowski, D-Hudson, to increase the annual pension of a minor child of a deceased member of the Jersey City Retirement System from \$600 to \$2,500.

A-3762, sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph Charles, D-Hudson, to reactivate the pension account of a municipal court judge in Union City, who had retired from public service and was re-employed within four years.

# # #