

No. 1979-68

AN ACT

SB 597

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," authorizing the establishment or designation of certain reserved areas to be used solely for parking by handicapped individuals.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Clause XLIX of section 1502, act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as "The First Class Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569), is amended to read:

Section 1502. The corporate power of a township of the first class shall be vested in the board of township commissioners. The board shall have power—

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XLIX. Parking and Parking Lots. To regulate parking, **[and]** to provide parking accommodations so as to promote the convenience and protection of the public *and to establish or designate, at the discretion of the commissioners, areas exclusively reserved for parking by handicapped individuals*; to erect parking meters and to regulate parking meter charges *and to post signs regulating parking in areas established or designated for handicapped parking*. To acquire by gift or purchase, or the right of eminent domain, lands for use as parking lots, and to plan, design, locate, hold, construct, improve, maintain, operate, own or lease, either in the capacity of lessor or lessee and install facilities and equipment, including parking meters, on any such land to be devoted to the parking of vehicles of any kind, which in the judgment of the board of township commissioners, may be necessary and desirable for the purpose of establishing and maintaining such parking lots and to regulate the use thereof. Whenever any lands shall be acquired by any township for parking lots, they may be operated by such townships as parking lots for parking vehicles only, but not for the sale or distribution of any commodity, or when so provided by ordinance or resolution, they may be let to and for private operation as parking lots on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 5th day of October, A. D. 1979.

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