

HOUSE BILL 719: Improve Security/Upper Level/Parking Lot 65.

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OVERVIEW: S.L. 2017-199 makes all of the parking spaces in the upper level of Parking Deck 65 under the Halifax Street Mall part of the "State legislative buildings and grounds" for purposes of allocation by the Legislative Services Commission. The act also gives the Legislative Services Commission the exclusive authority to assign parking spaces in Lot 7 of the State Government Parking Complex. The act became effective July 31, 2017.

CURRENT LAW: The Department of Administration is responsible for allocating parking spaces among the various State agencies and departments and adopting rules for parking on all public grounds. All officials of State government who are elected to office by popular vote must each be allocated one parking space. Heads of any department, agency, or institution of State government, as designated by the Secretary of Administration, must also be allocated one parking space each. Remaining parking spaces will be allocated to departments for their benefits-eligible employees who have assigned workstations within the downtown State Government Complex.

Employees who are assigned a parking space pay a monthly fee of \$15, which must be payroll deducted. The State Parking Division coordinates maintenance needs of all parking facilities in the State Government Complex within which parking spaces are leased and that contribute to the revenue base of the parking fund. Maintenance of State-owned or leased parking facilities that do not contribute to the parking fund are the responsibility of the owning or leasing department.

The following is the approximate number of spaces currently allocated to the General Assembly:

- 187 spaces in the Lower Level of Parking Deck 65
- 45 spaces in the Upper Level of Parking Deck 65
- 220 spaces in Parking Deck 75
- 30≈ spaces in Parking Deck 76

There are a total of 510 spaces in the upper level of Parking Deck 65.

BILL ANALYSIS: S.L. 2017-199 adds the parking spaces in the upper level of Parking Deck 65 under the Halifax Street Mall to the "State legislative buildings and grounds." By doing so, the Legislative Services Commission has the exclusive authority to assign parking spaces in the upper level. Employees, who as a result of disability, previously have been assigned a parking space in Deck 65, may apply for accessible parking. The maintenance of the deck remains the responsibility of the Department of Administration. The act also gives the Legislative Services Commission the exclusive authority to assign parking spaces in Lot 7 of the State Government Parking Complex.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act became effective July 31, 2017.

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