

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 160

Short Title: Handicap Parking Privilege Certification. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Brock, Meredith, Hise (Primary Sponsors); and Britt.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 2, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT MEDICAL CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING PRIVILEGES MAY BE SATISFIED BY CERTIFICATION OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR A LICENSED NURSE PRACTITIONER THAT THE PERSON IS HANDICAPPED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-37.6(c1) reads as rewritten:

"(c1) Application and Renewal; Physician's Certification. - The initial application for a distinguishing license plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary removable windshield placard shall be accompanied by a certification of a licensed physician, a licensed ophthalmologist, a licensed optometrist, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed nurse practitioner, or the Division of Services for the Blind that the applicant is handicapped or by a disability determination by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant is handicapped. The application for a temporary removable windshield placard shall contain additional certification to include the period of time the certifying authority determines the applicant will have the disability. Distinguishing license plates shall be renewed annually, but subsequent applications shall not require a medical certification that the applicant is handicapped. Removable windshield placards shall be renewed every five years, and, except for a person certified as totally and permanently disabled at the time of the initial application or a prior renewal under this subsection, the renewal shall require a medical recertification that the person is handicapped. Temporary removable windshield placards shall expire no later than six months after issuance."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

