April 18, 2007

H 1657. DMV HANDICAP PLACARD ENHANCEMENTS. Filed 4/18/07. TO ENSURE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF HANDICAPPED PARKING IN NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE HANDICAP PLACARD DESIGN TO REFLECT AN EXPIRATION DATE VISIBLE FROM AT LEAST TWENTY FEET TO ENSURE INCREASED ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION OF EXPIRED OR REVOKED PLACARDS AND TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE PLACARD REGISTRATION CARDS.

Amends GS 20-37.5 and 20-37.6 as title indicates. Requires person issued a handicapped permit and registration card to be the driver or a passenger of the vehicle when it is parked in a handicapped parking space. Effective July 1, 2007. Intro. by Dollar. GS 20

May 22, 2007

H 1657. INCREASE HANDICAPPED PLACARD PENALTY/STUDY (NEW). Filed 4/18/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes all provisions of the first edition and replaces it with AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO STUDY METHODS TO INSURE THE LAWFUL USE OF HANDICAPPED PLACARDS. Now directs the Division of Motor Vehicles to conduct a study as title indicates and to submit the results of the study, including any recommended legislation, to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by December 1, 2007.