

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015

H.B. 434
Mar 31, 2015
HOUSE PRINCIPAL CLERK

H

D

HOUSE DRH30186-ML-216 (3/27)

Short Title: Handicap Placard/Med. Recertification. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives S. Martin, Torbett, and Lucas (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL RECERTIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR
3 RENEWALS OF REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD HANDICAPPED PLACARDS IF THE
4 PERSON IS CERTIFIED AS TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "(c1) Application and Renewal; Physician's Certification. – The initial application for a
8 distinguishing license plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary removable windshield
9 placard shall be accompanied by a certification of a licensed physician, ophthalmologist, or
10 optometrist or of the Division of Services for the Blind that the applicant is handicapped. The
11 application for a temporary removable windshield placard shall contain additional certification
12 to include the period of time the certifying authority determines the applicant will have the
13 disability. Distinguishing license plates shall be renewed annually, but subsequent applications
14 shall not require a medical certification that the applicant is handicapped. Removable
15 windshield placards shall be renewed every five years, ~~and~~ and, except for a person certified as
16 totally and permanently disabled at the time of the initial application or a prior renewal under
17 this subsection, the renewal shall require a medical recertification that the person is
18 handicapped. Temporary removable windshield placards shall expire no later than six months
19 after issuance."

20 **SECTION 2.** The Division of Motor Vehicles shall develop or update the
21 appropriate forms and procedures necessary to implement this act.

22 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act is effective when this act becomes law. The
23 remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2015.

