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HOUSE BILL 256
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H256-PCS30348-SV-19

Short Title: Handicapped Parking/Veterans Plate.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 18, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERANS TO PARK IN A
3 HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE WHEN DISPLAYING THE PARTIALLY
4 DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL PLATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL
5 CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HANDICAPPED
6 PARKING PRIVILEGES MAY BE SATISFIED BY A DISABILITY DETERMINATION
7 ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
8 INDICATING THE PERSON IS HANDICAPPED.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

11 "(1) To park or leave standing any vehicle in a space designated with a sign
12 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section for handicapped persons when the
13 vehicle does not display the distinguishing license plate, removable
14 windshield placard, ~~or~~ temporary removable windshield placard as provided
15 in this section, ~~or~~ a disabled veteran registration plate issued under
16 ~~G.S. 20-79.4~~; G.S. 20-79.4, or a partially disabled veteran registration plate
17 issued under G.S. 20-79.4;"

18 SECTION 2. G.S. 20-37.6(c1) reads as rewritten:

19 "(c1) Application and Renewal; Physician's Certification. – The initial application for a
20 distinguishing license plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary removable windshield
21 placard shall be accompanied by a certification of a licensed physician, a licensed
22 ophthalmologist, or optometrist or of a licensed optometrist, or the Division of Services for the
23 Blind ~~Blind~~ that the applicant is handicapped or by a disability determination by the United
24 States Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant is handicapped. The application for a
25 temporary removable windshield placard shall contain additional certification to include the
26 period of time the certifying authority determines the applicant will have the disability.
27 Distinguishing license plates shall be renewed annually, but subsequent applications shall not
28 require a medical certification that the applicant is handicapped. Removable windshield
29 placards shall be renewed every five years, and the renewal shall require a medical
30 recertification that the person is handicapped. Temporary removable windshield placards shall
31 expire no later than six months after issuance."

32 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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