



HOUSE BILL 434: Handicap Placard/Medical Recertification

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SUMMARY: *S.L. 2015-29 eliminates the requirement that a person provide a medical recertification that the person is handicapped when renewing a handicapped placard if the person is certified as totally and permanently disabled.*

This act becomes effective July 1, 2016, except for a provision directing the Division of Motor Vehicles to develop forms to implement the act, which became effective May 21, 2015.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 20-37.6 provides for parking privileges for handicapped drivers and passengers who have applied for and obtained from the Division of Motor Vehicles a handicapped windshield placard or registration plate. If the handicapped person is a registered owner of a vehicle, he or she may apply for a distinguishing plate. Any handicapped person may apply for a windshield placard. G.S. 20-37.6(c1) sets out the requirements for application and renewal. The initial application for both must include a certification of a licensed physician that the applicant is handicapped. Plates must be renewed annually but do not require recertification. Placards must be renewed every five years and require a medical recertification at that time.

BILL ANALYSIS: This act eliminates the requirement that a person renewing a handicapped placard must submit a medical recertification that the applicant is handicapped if the person was certified as totally and permanently disabled at the time of the initial application or at the time of a prior renewal. The act also directs the Division of Motor Vehicles to develop forms and procedures to implement the act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The provision of the act directing the Division to develop forms and procedures for implementation became effective May 21, 2015. The remainder of the act became effective July 1, 2016.

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