



HOUSE BILL 434: Handicap Placard/Med. Recertification

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 434 would eliminate 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.*

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: House Bill 434 would eliminate 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 bill 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 would be effective when it becomes law. The remainder of the act would be effective July 1, 2016.

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