



# HOUSE BILL 91: Study Misuse of Handicapped Parking Placards

2015-2016 General Assembly

**Committee:**

**Introduced by:**

**Analysis of:** S.L. 2015-16

**Date:**

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**SUMMARY:** *S.L. 2015-16 requires the Division of Motor Vehicles to study ways to decrease the misuse of handicapped placards.*

*This act became effective May 14, 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. Any vehicle that is driven by or is transporting a person who is handicapped and that displays a handicapped placard or plate is authorized to park in spaces designated as handicapped spaces.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The act requires the Division of Motor Vehicles to study ways to decrease the misuse of handicapped placards. Specifically, the Division is directed to study the cost, feasibility, and advisability of:

- Inclusion of personally identifying information on placards.
- Linking the placard to the handicapped person's driver's license or identification card.
- Linking the placard to the registration plate issued to the vehicle in which the handicapped person will be transported.

The Division must report its finding and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on or before January 15, 2016.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act became effective May 14, 2015.

