



SENATE BILL 116: Handicapped Parking Windshield Placard

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Committee:

Introduced by:

Analysis of: S.L. 2015-22

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SUMMARY: *S.L. 2015-22 provides that when a qualifying vehicle owner is issued a handicapped license plate, the applicant must be notified that he or she is also eligible for and may receive a windshield placard at that time.*

This act became effective July 1, 2015, and applies to applications for plates received on or after that date.

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.

If the handicapped person is a registered owner of a vehicle, he or she may apply for a distinguishing plate. A qualifying vehicle owner who gets a plate may also receive one removable windshield placard.

BILL ANALYSIS: The act provides that when a distinguishing plate is issued to a qualifying handicapped vehicle owner, the person shall be notified by the Division of Motor Vehicles that he or she is also eligible to receive one removable windshield placard. If the applicant requests a placard, the Division is required to issue it at that time.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act became effective July 1, 2015, and applies to applications for plates received on or after that date.

