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SENATE BILL 116: Handicapped Parking Windshield Placard

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Transportation	Date:	April 1, 2015
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SUMMARY: *Senate Bill 116 would provide that when a qualifying vehicle owner is issued a handicapped license plate, he or she shall also receive one removable handicapped windshield placard.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to H170, as introduced by Rep. Watford, which is currently in House Transportation, Serial Referral To Finance Added.]

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. Any handicapped person may apply for a windshield placard. If he or she does not also have a distinguishing plate, then one additional placard may be issued to the applicant. A placard registration card is issued with each placard, which must be in the vehicle when the placard is being used, and the person to whom the placard was issued must be the operator or a passenger in the vehicle.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 116 would provide that when a distinguishing plate is issued to a qualifying handicapped vehicle owner, the person shall also receive one removable windshield placard.

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

