



SENATE BILL 116: Handicapped Parking Windshield Placard

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Committee:	House Transportation, if favorable, Finance	Date:	May 12, 2015
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SUMMARY: *Senate Bill 116 would provide that when a qualifying vehicle owner is issued a handicapped license plate, the applicant shall be notified that he or she is also eligible for and may receive a windshield placard at that time.*

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

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: Senate Bill 116 would provide 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 would be required to issue it at that time.

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

