

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1143

Short Title: Handicapped Plate Recertification.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Decker.

Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PERMANENTLY DISABLED DRIVERS DO NOT
2 HAVE TO BE MEDICALLY RECERTIFIED WHEN RENEWING
3 HANDICAPPED PLACARDS OR REGISTRATION PLATES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 20-37.6(c1) reads as rewritten:

6 "(c1) Application and Renewal; Physician's Certification. – The initial application
7 for a permanent distinguishing license plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary
8 removable windshield placard shall be accompanied by a certification of a licensed
9 physician, ophthalmologist, or optometrist or of the Division of Services for the Blind
10 that the applicant is handicapped. The certification shall state whether or not the
11 disability is permanent. The application for a temporary removable windshield placard
12 shall contain additional certification to include the period of time the certifying authority
13 determines the applicant will have the disability. Distinguishing license plates shall be
14 renewed annually, but subsequent applications shall not require a medical certification
15 that the applicant is handicapped. Removable windshield placards shall be renewed
16 every five years, and renewal shall not require a medical recertification that the person is
17 ~~handicapped.~~ handicapped if the disability is permanent. Temporary removable
18 windshield placards shall expire no later than six months after issuance."
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20 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.