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SENATE BILL 160
House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/20/17

Short Title: Handicap Parking Privilege Certification.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT MEDICAL CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION
3 REQUIREMENTS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING PRIVILEGES MAY BE
4 SATISFIED BY CERTIFICATION OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, A
5 LICENSED NURSE PRACTITIONER, OR A LICENSED CERTIFIED NURSE
6 MIDWIFE THAT THE PERSON IS HANDICAPPED.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-37.6(c1) reads as rewritten:

9 "(c1) Application and Renewal; ~~Physician's~~ Medical Certification. – The initial
10 application for a distinguishing license plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary
11 removable windshield placard shall be accompanied by a certification of a licensed physician, a
12 licensed ophthalmologist, a licensed optometrist, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed nurse
13 practitioner, or the Division of Services for the Blind that the applicant is handicapped or by a
14 disability determination by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant
15 is handicapped. For an initial application for a temporary removable windshield placard only,
16 the certification that the applicant is handicapped may be made by a licensed certified nurse
17 midwife. The application for a temporary removable windshield placard shall contain
18 additional certification to include the period of time the certifying authority determines the
19 applicant will have the disability. Distinguishing license plates shall be renewed annually, but
20 subsequent applications shall not require a medical certification that the applicant is
21 handicapped. Removable windshield placards shall be renewed every five years, and, except
22 for a person certified as totally and permanently disabled at the time of the initial application or
23 a prior renewal under this subsection, the renewal shall require a medical recertification that the
24 person is handicapped. Temporary removable windshield placards shall expire no later than six
25 months after issuance."

26 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

