AN ACT TO ALLOW PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERANS TO PARK IN A
HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE WHEN DISPLAYING THE PARTIALLY DISABLED
VETERAN SPECIAL PLATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
AND RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING
PRIVILEGES MAY BE SATISFIED BY A DISABILITY DETERMINATION ISSUED BY
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS INDICATING THE
PERSON IS HANDICAPPED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-37.6(e)(1) reads as rewritten:
"(1) To park or leave standing any vehicle in a space designated with a sign
pursuant to subsection (d) of this section for handicapped persons when the
vehicle does not display the distinguishing license plate, removable windshield
placard, or temporary removable windshield placard as provided in this section,
or a disabled veteran registration plate issued under G.S. 20-79.4-G.S. 20-79.4,
or a partially disabled veteran registration plate issued under G.S. 20-79.4;"

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-37.6(c1) reads as rewritten:
"(c1) Application and Renewal; Physician's Certification. – The initial application for a
distinguishing license plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary removable windshield
placard shall be accompanied by a certification of a licensed physician, a licensed
ophthalmologist, or a licensed optometrist, or the Division of Services for the
Blind that the applicant is handicapped or by a disability determination by the United States
Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant is handicapped. The application for a temporary
removable windshield placard shall contain additional certification to include the period of time
the certifying authority determines the applicant will have the disability. Distinguishing license
plates shall be renewed annually, but subsequent applications shall not require a medical
certification that the applicant is handicapped. Removable windshield placards shall be renewed
every five years, and the renewal shall require a medical recertification that the person is
handicapped. Temporary removable windshield placards shall expire no later than six months after
issuance."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of June, 2016.

s/ Robert A. Rucho
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 4:03 p.m. this 22nd day of June, 2016