

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 2015

SESSION LAW 2016-25

HOUSE BILL 256

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

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9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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11 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-37.6(e)(1) reads as rewritten:

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

18 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-37.6(c1) reads as rewritten:

19 "(c1) Application and Renewal; Physician's Certification. – The initial application for a
20 distinguishing license plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary removable windshield
21 placard shall be accompanied by a certification of a licensed physician, a licensed
22 ophthalmologist, or optometrist or of a licensed optometrist, or the Division of Services for the
23 BlindBlind that the applicant is handicapped or by a disability determination by the United States
24 Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant is handicapped. The application for a temporary
25 removable windshield placard shall contain additional certification to include the period of time
26 the certifying authority determines the applicant will have the disability. Distinguishing license
27 plates shall be renewed annually, but subsequent applications shall not require a medical
28 certification that the applicant is handicapped. Removable windshield placards shall be renewed
29 every five years, and the renewal shall require a medical recertification that the person is
30 handicapped. Temporary removable windshield placards shall expire no later than six months after
31 issuance."

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

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

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36 s/ Robert A. Rucho
37 Presiding Officer of the Senate

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40 s/ Tim Moore
41 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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44 s/ Pat McCrory
45 Governor

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

