

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 1922**

Short Title: Free Parking For Handicapped/Gov't Parking.

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Sponsors: Senator Dorsett.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE PARKING IN GOVERNMENT OWNED PARKING  
2 LOTS FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS DISPLAYING A PROPER  
3 HANDICAP LICENSE PLATE OR PLACARD.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-301 is amended by adding a new subsection to  
7 read:

8 "(f) Any person who displays a valid distinguishing registration plate issued  
9 pursuant to G.S. 20-37.6(b) or a valid distinguishing placard issued pursuant to  
10 G.S. 20-37.6(c) shall not be required to pay any fee to park in an on- or off-street  
11 parking space owned, leased, or operated by a unit of local government."

12 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-37.6(a) is amended by adding a new subsection to  
13 read:

14 "(a) General Parking. – Any vehicle that is driven by or is transporting a person  
15 who is handicapped and that displays a distinguishing license plate, a removable  
16 windshield placard, or a temporary removable windshield placard may be parked for  
17 unlimited periods in parking zones restricted as to the length of time parking is  
18 permitted. This provision has no application to those zones or during times in which the  
19 stopping, parking, or standing of all vehicles is prohibited or which are reserved for  
20 special types of vehicles. Any qualifying vehicle may park in spaces designated as  
21 restricted to vehicles driven by or transporting the handicapped. Any person who  
22 displays a valid distinguishing registration plate issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
23 section or a valid distinguishing placard issued pursuant to subsection (c) of this section  
24 shall not be required to pay any fee to park in an on- or off-street parking space owned,  
25 leased, or operated by the State of North Carolina.

26 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.