

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015**

**SESSION LAW 2015-29
HOUSE BILL 434**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL RECERTIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR RENEWALS OF REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD HANDICAPPED PLACARDS IF THE PERSON IS CERTIFIED AS TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. 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, ophthalmologist, or optometrist or of the Division of Services for the Blind 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~~, except for a person certified as totally and permanently disabled at the time of the initial application or a prior renewal under this subsection, 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 2. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall develop or update the appropriate forms and procedures necessary to implement this act.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act is effective when this act becomes law. The remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2016.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18th day of May, 2015.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 11:52 a.m. this 21st day of May, 2015

