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SENATE BILL DRS45104-ML-31A   (01/02)

Short Title:	Handicap Parking Privilege Certification.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Brock, Meredith, and Hise (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT MEDICAL CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION
3   REQUIREMENTS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING PRIVILEGES MAY BE SATISFIED
4   BY CERTIFICATION OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR A LICENSED
5   NURSE PRACTITIONER THAT THE PERSON IS HANDICAPPED.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7   **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-37.6(c1) reads as rewritten:
8 "(c1)   Application and Renewal; Physician's Certification. – The initial application for a
9 distinguishing license plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary removable windshield
10 placard shall be accompanied by a certification of a licensed physician, a licensed
11 ophthalmologist, a licensed optometrist, <u>a licensed physician assistant, a licensed nurse</u>
12 <u>practitioner,</u> or the Division of Services for the Blind that the applicant is handicapped or by a
13 disability determination by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant is
14 handicapped. The application for a temporary removable windshield placard shall contain
15 additional certification to include the period of time the certifying authority determines the
16 applicant will have the disability. Distinguishing license plates shall be renewed annually, but
17 subsequent applications shall not require a medical certification that the applicant is handicapped.
18 Removable windshield placards shall be renewed every five years, and, except for a person
19 certified as totally and permanently disabled at the time of the initial application or a prior renewal
20 under this subsection, the renewal shall require a medical recertification that the person is
21 handicapped. Temporary removable windshield placards shall expire no later than six months after
22 issuance."
23   **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.