

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 1657
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/22/07**

Short Title: Study Handicapped Placards.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO STUDY
3 METHODS TO ENSURE THE LAWFUL USE OF HANDICAPPED PLACARDS,
4 AND THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE HANDICAPPED PARKING
5 LAWS OF THE STATE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of
8 Transportation shall study methods to better ensure that handicapped placards are
9 properly used only by those persons entitled to use them. As a part of its study, the
10 Division shall study ways to make the expiration date of handicapped placards more
11 visible, in order to assist law enforcement personnel in enforcing the handicapped
12 placard law. In addition, the Division shall study the penalty for violations of the
13 handicapped parking law. The Division shall submit the results of its study, including
14 any recommended legislation, to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
15 Committee on or before December 1, 2007.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.