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SENATE BILL 475
House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/23/93

Short Title: Selling Handicapped Placards Illegal.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIME TO SELL HANDICAPPED PARKING
2 PLACARDS AND TO REMOVE LANGUAGE ALLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF
3 AN ADDITIONAL PLACARD.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 20-37.6 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(c3) It shall be unlawful to sell a distinguishing license plate, a removable
8 windshield placard, or a temporary removable windshield placard issued pursuant to this
9 section. A violation of this subsection shall be a misdemeanor and may be punished
10 pursuant to G.S. 20-176(c) and (c1)."

11 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-37.6(c) reads as rewritten:

12 "(c) Handicapped Drivers and Passengers; Distinguishing Placards. – A
13 handicapped person may apply for the issuance of a removable windshield placard or a
14 temporary removable windshield placard. ~~Upon request, one additional placard may be~~
15 ~~issued to applicants who do not have a distinguishing license plate.~~ Any organization which,
16 as determined and certified by the State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, regularly
17 transports handicapped persons may also apply. These organizations may receive one
18 removable windshield placard for each transporting vehicle. When the removable
19 windshield or temporary removable windshield placard is properly displayed, all
20 parking rights and privileges extended to vehicles displaying a distinguishing license
21 plate issued pursuant to subsection (b) shall apply. The removable windshield placard or
22 the temporary removable windshield placard shall be displayed so that it may be viewed
23 from the front and rear of the vehicle by hanging it from the front windshield rearview

1 mirror of a vehicle using a parking space allowed for handicapped persons. When there
2 is no inside rearview mirror, or when the placard cannot reasonably be hung from the
3 rearview mirror by the handicapped person, the placard shall be displayed on the
4 driver's side of the dashboard. A removable windshield placard placed on a motorized
5 wheelchair or similar vehicle shall be displayed in a clearly visible location. The
6 Division shall establish procedures for the issuance of the placards and may charge a fee
7 sufficient to pay the actual cost of issuance, but in no event less than five dollars (\$5.00)
8 per placard."

9 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 1993.