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Unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply throughout this Article to the defined words and phrases and their cognates:

(1) "Distinguishing license plate" means a license plate that displays the International Symbol of Access or the dynamic symbol of access, using the same color, size of plate, and size of letters or numbers as a regular plate.

(1a) Dynamic symbol of access. – The symbol of wheelchair access depicting a logo with a dynamic character leaning forward with a sense of movement as implemented for use by the Department of Administration.

(1b) Guardian. – Any of the following:

- a. Custodian. – As defined in G.S. 7B-101(8).
- b. General guardian. – As defined in G.S. 35A-1202(7).
- c. Guardian of the person. – As defined in G.S. 35A-1202(10).

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(4) "Removable windshield placard" means a two-sided, hooked placard which includes on each side:

- a. ~~The International Symbol of Access,~~ Access or the dynamic symbol of access which is at least three inches in height, centered on the placard, and is white on a blue shield;
- b. An identification number;
- c. An expiration date that is visible from at least 20 feet and the month and year of expiration; and
- d. The seal or other identification of the issuing authority."

SECTION 3.2. No later than January 1, 2026, all distinguishing license plates and removable window placards issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles shall bear the dynamic symbol of access.

SECTION 4. G.S. 136-30(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Public Vehicular Areas. – Except as provided in this subsection, all traffic signs and other traffic control devices placed on a public vehicular area, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01, must conform to the Uniform Manual. The owner of private property that contains a public vehicular area may place on the property a traffic control device, other than a sign designating a parking space for handicapped persons, as defined in G.S. 20-37.5, that differs in material from the uniform device but does not differ in shape, size, color, or any other way from the uniform device. The owner of ~~private~~ property that contains a public vehicular area may place on the property a sign designating a parking space for handicapped persons that uses the dynamic symbol of access or the international symbol of access, as defined in G.S. 20-37.5, and differs in material and color from the uniform sign but does not differ in shape, size, or any other way from the uniform device."

SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.