

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 861
SENATE BILL 89

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS TO PROVIDE FOR THE
2 DISTRIBUTION OF LICENSE PLATES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR
3 VEHICLES ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CHARGING
4 OF FEES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR
5 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SIGNATURES.

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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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9 **Section 1.** G.S. 20-42(a) is hereby amended by striking out the words "do so
10 without fee" and substituting in lieu thereof the words

11 "Charge for the acknowledgment of signatures a fee according to the following schedule:

- 12 (1) One (1) signature.....\$.50
13 (2) Two (2) signatures.....\$.75
14 (3) Three (3) or more signatures\$1.00

15 Funds received under the provisions of this subsection shall be used to defray a part of the costs
16 of distribution of license plates, registration certificates and certificates of title issued by the
17 Department."

18 **Sec. 2.** G.S. 20-63 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection
19 to be designated Subsection (h) and to read as follows:

20 "(h) All registration plates, registration certificates and certificates of title issued by the
21 Department, outside of those issued from the Raleigh offices of the said Department and those
22 issued and handled through the U.S. mail, shall be issued insofar as practicable and possible
23 through commission contracts entered into by the Department for the issuance of such plates
24 and certificates in localities throughout North Carolina with persons, firms, corporations or
25 governmental subdivisions of the State of North Carolina which are not engaged in any
26 commercial enterprise in competition with any other person, firm or corporation in said locality
27 and the Department shall make a reasonable effort in every locality, except as hereinbefore
28 noted, to enter into a commission contract for the issuance of such plates and certificates and a
29 record of these efforts shall be maintained in the Department. In the event the Department is
30 unsuccessful in making commission contracts as hereinbefore set out it shall then issue said
31 plates and certificates through the regular employees of the Department. Whenever registration
32 plates, registration certificates and certificates of title are issued by the Department through
33 commission contract arrangements, the Department shall provide proper supervision of such
34 distribution. Commission contracts entered into hereunder may provide for proration of the
35 compensation payable thereunder so as to more adequately insure continuous service to the
36 public throughout the entire contract period; provided that in no event shall more than
37 seventeen cents (17¢) per registration plate be paid under any commission contract
38 arrangement. Nothing contained in this Act will allow or permit the operation of fewer outlets
39 in any county in this State than are now being operated."

40 **Sec. 3.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

41 **Sec. 4.** This Act shall become effective on ratification, provided that the
42 distribution of registration plates by the Department as provided for herein shall begin not later
43 than July 1, 1963. The purpose for making this Act effective on ratification is to authorize the

1 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to make all necessary arrangements for the administration of
2 this Act prior to the time when distribution of registration plates, registration certificates and
3 certificates of title as provided for herein begins.
4 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 16th day of June,
5 1961.