

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 1395  
HOUSE BILL 1916

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 20-81.1 RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR AMATEUR  
AND CLASS D CITIZEN RADIO STATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 20-81.1 is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 20-81.1. **Special plates for amateur radio operators.** — (a) Every owner of a motor vehicle which is primarily used for pleasure or communication purposes who holds an unrevoked and unexpired amateur radio license of a renewable nature, issued by the Federal Communications Commission, shall, upon payment of registration and licensing fees for such vehicle as required by law and an additional fee of four dollars (\$4.00), be issued plates of similar size and design as the regular registration plates provided for by G.S. 20-63 or other provisions of law, upon which shall be inscribed, in lieu of the usual registration number, the official amateur radio call letters of such persons as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission.

(b) Application for special registration plates shall be made on forms which shall be provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles and shall contain proof satisfactory to the Department that the applicant holds an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio license and shall state the call letters which have been assigned to the applicant. Applications must be filed prior to 60 days before the day when regular registration plates for the year are made available to motor vehicle owners.

(c) Special registration plates issued pursuant to this section shall be replaced annually to the same extent as regular registration plates are replaced. These plates shall be valid during the year for which issued. If the amateur radio license of a person holding a special plate issued pursuant to this section shall be cancelled or rescinded by the Federal Communications Commission, such person shall immediately return the special plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(d) The provisions of this section shall apply to calendar years beginning after December 31, 1974. The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to, and shall, make such provisions prior to January 1, 1975, as are necessary for the issuance for the year 1975 of the special plates provided for in this section.

(e) The revenue derived from the additional fee for the amateur radio plates shall be placed in a separate fund designated the 'Amateur Radio Registration Plate Fund'. After deducting the cost of the plates, plus budgetary requirements for handling and issuance to be determined by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, any remaining moneys derived from the additional fee for such plates shall be periodically transferred to the State Highway Commission as provided in G.S. 20-81.3(c)(2)."

**Sec. 2.** There is hereby enacted a new section to be designated G.S. 20-81.6, to read as follows:

"§ 20-81.6. **Special plates for Class D citizens radio station operators.** — (a) Every owner of a motor vehicle which is primarily used for pleasure or communication purposes who holds an unrevoked and unexpired Class D citizens radio station license of a renewable nature, issued by the Federal Communications Commission, shall, upon payment of registration and licensing

fees for such vehicle as required by law and an additional fee of ten dollars (\$10.00), be issued plates of similar size and design as the regular registration plates provided for by G.S. 20-63 or other provisions of law, upon which shall be inscribed, in lieu of the usual registration number, the official Class D citizens radio station call letters of such persons as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission; provided, however, that in addition to the payment of registration and licensing fees, a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be required to purchase a Class D citizens radio station license.

(b) Application for special registration plates shall be made on forms which shall be provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles and shall contain proof satisfactory to the Department that the applicant holds an unrevoked and unexpired official Class D citizens radio station license and shall state the call letters which have been assigned to the applicant. Applications must be filed prior to 60 days before the day when regular registration plates for the year are made available to motor vehicle owners.

(c) Special registration plates issued pursuant to this section shall be replaced annually to the same extent as regular registration plates are replaced. These plates shall be valid during the year for which issued. If the Class D citizens radio station license of a person holding a special plate issued pursuant to this section shall be cancelled or rescinded by the Federal Communications Commission, such person shall immediately return the special plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(d) The provisions of this section shall apply to calendar years beginning after December 31, 1974. The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to, and shall, make such provisions prior to January 1, 1975, as are necessary for the issuance for the year 1975 of the special plates provided for in this section.

(e) The revenue derived from the additional fee for the Class D citizens radio plates shall be placed in a separate fund designated the 'Class D Citizens Radio Registration Plate Fund'. After deducting the cost of the plates, plus budgetary requirements for handling and issuance to be determined by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, any remaining moneys derived from the additional fee for such plates shall be periodically transferred to the Board of Transportation as provided in G.S. 20-81.3(c)(2)."

**Sec. 3.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 13th day of April, 1974.