

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 773  
HOUSE BILL 1214

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES  
FOR MEMBERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding a new section as follows:

**"§ 20-81.7. Special plates for members of fire departments and rescue squads. —** (a) Every owner of a private passenger motor vehicle or pickup truck not exceeding a gross weight of 4,000 pounds, who is an active regular or volunteer member of a fire department or rescue squad, upon payment of registration and licensing fees for such vehicle as required by law and an additional fee of ten dollars (\$10.00), shall be issued license plates of the same form and character as other license plates now or hereinafter authorized by law to be issued upon such vehicles except that such license plates shall in addition bear on the face thereof the following words: either 'fireman'; 'rescue squad' or 'fireman-rescue squad'.

(b) Application for special registration plates pursuant to this section shall be made on forms provided by the Division of Motor Vehicles and shall contain proof satisfactory to the division that the applicant is an active regular or volunteer member of a fire department or rescue squad. 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) The provisions of this section shall apply to calendar years beginning after December 31, 1977. The Division of Motor Vehicles is authorized to, and shall make such provisions prior to January 1, 1978, as are necessary for the issuance of the special plates provided for in this section for the year 1978. Registration plates issued pursuant to this section shall be replaced annually to the same extent as regular registration plates are replaced."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 28th day of June, 1977.