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SENATE BILL 1151

Short Title: County Commissioners Regis. Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Edwards; Richardson, Allran, Gunter, Seymour, and Lee.

Referred to: Transportation.

May 13, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE  
SPECIALIZED LICENSE PLATES TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Types. – The Division shall issue the following types of special registration plates:

(1) Administrative Officer of the Courts. – Issuable to the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The plate shall bear the phrase 'J-20'.

(2) Amateur Radio Operator. – Issuable to an amateur radio operator who holds an unexpired and unrevoked amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission and who asserts to the Division that a portable transceiver is carried in the vehicle. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Amateur Radio.' The plate shall bear the operator's official amateur radio call letters, or call letters with numerical or letter suffixes so that an owner of more than one vehicle may have the call letters on each.

(3) Civil Air Patrol Member. – Issuable to an active member of the North Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Civil Air Patrol'. A plate issued to an officer member shall begin with the number '201' and the number shall reflect the seniority of the member; a plate issued to an enlisted member, a senior member, or a cadet member shall begin with the number '501'.

- 1 (4) Class D Citizen's Radio Station Operator. – Issuable to a Class D  
2 citizen's radio station operator licensed by the Federal  
3 Communications Commission. The plate shall bear the operator's  
4 official Class D citizen's radio station call letters.
- 5 (5) Clerk of Superior Court. – Issuable to a clerk of superior court. The  
6 plate shall bear the phrase 'Clerk Superior Court' and the letter 'C'  
7 followed by a number that indicates the county the clerk serves.
- 8 (6) Coast Guard Auxiliary Member. – Issuable to an active member of the  
9 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. The plate shall bear the phrase  
10 'Coast Guard Auxiliary'.
- 11 (6a) Collegiate Insignia Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor  
12 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase  
13 or an insignia representing a public or private college or university.
- 14 (7) Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of  
15 the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- 16 (7a) County Commissioners. – Issuable to a county commissioner. The  
17 plate shall bear the words 'County Commissioner' followed by the  
18 number that indicates the county that the applicant serves, in the  
19 alphabetical list of counties, and a letter or number to distinguish  
20 different cars owned by the county commissioners in that county.
- 21 (8) Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of the  
22 United States who suffered a 100% service-connected disability.
- 23 (9) District Attorney. – Issuable to a North Carolina or United States  
24 District Attorney. The plate issuable to a North Carolina district  
25 attorney shall bear the letters 'DA' followed by a number that  
26 represents the prosecutorial district the district attorney serves. The  
27 plate for a United States attorney shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Attorney'  
28 followed by a number that represents the district the attorney serves,  
29 with 1 being the Eastern District, 2 being the Middle District, and 3  
30 being the Western District.
- 31 (10) Fire Department or Rescue Squad Member. – Issuable to an active  
32 regular member or volunteer member of a fire department, rescue  
33 squad, or both a fire department and rescue squad. The plate shall bear  
34 the words 'Firefighter', 'Rescue Squad', or 'Firefighter-Rescue Squad'.
- 35 (11) Historic Vehicle Owner. – Issuable for a motor vehicle that is at least  
36 35 years old measured from the date of manufacture. The plate for a  
37 vehicle that is 35 to 50 years old shall bear the phrase 'Antique'. The  
38 plate for a vehicle that is at least 50 years old shall bear the phrase  
39 'Horseless Carriage'.
- 40 (11a) Historical Attraction Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a  
41 motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may  
42 bear a phrase or an insignia representing a publicly owned or  
43 nonprofit historical attraction located in North Carolina.

- 1 (12) Honorary Plate. – Issuable to a member of the Honorary ~~Consular~~  
2 Consular Corps, who has been certified by the U. S. State  
3 Department, the plate shall bear the words 'Honorary ~~Consular~~  
4 Consular Corps' and a distinguishing number based on the order of  
5 issuance.
- 6 (13) Judge or Justice. – Issuable to a sitting or retired judge or justice in  
7 accordance with G.S. 20-79.6.
- 8 (14) Legislator. – Issuable to a member of the North Carolina General  
9 Assembly. The plate shall bear the words 'Senate' or 'State House'  
10 followed by the Senator's or Representative's assigned seat number.
- 11 (15) Marshal. – Issuable to a United States Marshal. The plate shall bear  
12 the phrase 'U.S. Marshal' followed by a number that represents the  
13 district the Marshal serves, with 1 being the Eastern District, 2  
14 being the Middle District, and 3 being the Western District.
- 15 (16) Military Reservist. – Issuable to a member of a reserve component  
16 of the armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the  
17 name and insignia of the appropriate reserve component. Plates  
18 shall be numbered sequentially for members of a component with  
19 the numbers 1 through 5000 reserved for officers, without regard to  
20 rank.
- 21 (16a) Military Retiree. – Issuable to an individual who has retired from  
22 the armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the  
23 phrase 'U.S. Armed Forces Retired' and the name of the branch of  
24 service from which the individual retired.
- 25 (17) National Guard Member. – Issuable to an active or a retired  
26 member of the North Carolina National Guard. The plate shall bear  
27 the phrase 'National Guard'. A plate issued to an active member  
28 shall bear a number that reflects the seniority of the member; a  
29 plate issued to a commissioned officer shall begin with the number  
30 '1'; a plate issued to a noncommissioned officer with a rank of E7,  
31 E8, or E9 shall begin with the number '1601'; a plate issued to an  
32 enlisted member with a rank of E6 or below shall begin with the  
33 number '3001'. The plate issued to a retired or separated member  
34 shall indicate the member's retired status.
- 35 (18) Partially Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed  
36 forces of the United States who suffered a service connected  
37 disability of less than 100%.
- 38 (19) Pearl Harbor Survivor. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces  
39 of the United States who was present at and survived the attack on  
40 Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The plate will bear the phrase  
41 'Pearl Harbor Survivor' and the insignia of the Pearl Harbor  
42 Survivors' Association.
- 43 (20) Personalized. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle.  
44 The plate will bear the letters or letters and numbers requested by

- 1 the owner. The Division may refuse to issue a plate with a letter  
2 combination that is offensive to good taste and decency. The  
3 Division may not issue a plate that duplicates another plate.
- 4 (21) Prisoner of War. – Issuable to a member or veteran member of the  
5 armed forces of the United States who has been captured and held  
6 prisoner by forces hostile to the United States while serving in the  
7 armed forces.
- 8 (22) Purple Heart Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the Purple Heart  
9 award. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Purple Heart Veteran,  
10 Combat Wounded' and the letters 'PH'.
- 11 (23) State Government Official. – Issuable to elected and appointed  
12 members of State government in accordance with G.S. 20-79.5.
- 13 (24) Street Rod Owner. – Issuable to the registered owner of a  
14 modernized private passenger motor vehicle manufactured prior to  
15 the year 1949 or designed to resemble a vehicle manufactured prior  
16 to the year 1949. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Street Rod'.
- 17 (25) Transportation Personnel. – Issuable to various members of the  
18 Divisions of the Department of Transportation. The plate shall bear  
19 the letters 'DOT' followed by a number from 1 to 85, as designated  
20 by the Governor.
- 21 (26) U.S. Representative. – Issuable to a United States Representative  
22 for North Carolina. The plate shall bear the phrase 'U.S. House' and  
23 shall be issued on the basis of Congressional district numbers.
- 24 (27) U.S. Senator. – Issuable to a United States Senator for North  
25 Carolina. The plates shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Senate' and shall be  
26 issued on the basis of seniority represented by the numbers 1 and  
27 2."
- 28 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.