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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION TO  
3 STUDY COMMISSION CONTRACTS FOR ISSUANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE  
4 REGISTRATION PLATES AND CERTIFICATES TO INCREASE THE RATE  
5 PAID PER TRANSACTION TO COMMISSION CONTRACT AGENTS FOR  
6 THE ISSUANCE OF PLATES AND CERTIFICATES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(h) reads as rewritten:

9 "(h) Commission Contracts for Issuance of Plates and Certificates. – All  
10 registration plates, registration ~~certificates~~ certificates, and certificates of title issued by  
11 the Division, outside of those issued from the Raleigh offices of the ~~said~~ Division and  
12 those issued and handled through the United States mail, shall be issued insofar as  
13 practicable and possible through commission contracts entered into by the Division for  
14 the issuance of such plates and certificates in localities throughout North Carolina with  
15 persons, firms, corporations or governmental subdivisions of the State of North ~~Carolina~~  
16 ~~and the Carolina~~. The Division shall make a reasonable effort in every locality, except  
17 as ~~hereinbefore noted~~, noted above, to enter into a commission contract for the issuance  
18 of such plates and certificates and a record of these efforts shall be maintained in the  
19 Division. In the event the Division is unsuccessful in making commission ~~contracts~~ as  
20 ~~hereinbefore set out~~ contracts, it shall ~~then~~ issue ~~said~~ the plates and certificates through  
21 the regular employees of the Division. Whenever registration plates, registration  
22 ~~certificates~~ certificates, and certificates of title are issued by the Division through  
23 commission contract arrangements, the Division shall provide proper supervision of  
24 such ~~the~~ distribution. ~~Commission contracts entered under this subsection shall provide~~  
25 ~~for the payment of compensation for all transactions as set forth below. Nothing~~  
26 ~~contained in this subsection will allow or permit the operation of fewer outlets in any~~  
27 ~~county in this State than are now being operated.~~

28 Commission contracts entered into by the Division under this subsection shall  
29 provide for the payment of compensation on a per transaction basis. The collection of

1 the highway use tax shall be considered a separate transaction for which one dollar and  
2 twenty-seven cent (\$1.27) compensation shall be paid. The performance at the same  
3 time of one or more of the remaining transactions listed in this subsection shall be  
4 considered a single transaction for which one dollar and forty-three cent (\$1.43)  
5 compensation shall be paid.

6 A transaction is any of the following activities:

- 7 (1) Issuance of a registration plate, a registration card, a registration  
8 renewal sticker, or a certificate of title.
- 9 (2) Issuance of a handicapped placard or handicapped identification card.
- 10 (3) Acceptance of an application for a personalized registration plate.
- 11 (4) Acceptance of a surrendered registration plate, registration card, or  
12 registration renewal sticker, or acceptance of an affidavit stating why a  
13 person cannot surrender a registration plate, registration card, or  
14 registration renewal sticker.
- 15 (5) Cancellation of a title because the vehicle has been junked.
- 16 (6) Acceptance of an application for, or issuance of, a refund for a fee or a  
17 tax, other than the highway use tax.
- 18 (7) Receipt of the civil penalty imposed by G.S. 20-309 for a lapse in  
19 financial responsibility or receipt of the restoration fee imposed by that  
20 statute.
- 21 (8) Acceptance of a notice of failure to maintain financial responsibility  
22 for a motor vehicle.
- 23 (8a) Collection of civil penalties imposed for violations of G.S. 20-183.8A.
- 24 (8b) Sale of one or more inspection stickers in a single transaction to a  
25 licensed inspection station.
- 26 (9) Collection of the highway use tax.
- 27 (10) Acceptance of a temporary lien filing.

28 ~~Performance at the same time of any combination of the items that are listed within~~  
29 ~~each subdivision or are listed within subdivisions (1) through (8b) of this section is a~~  
30 ~~single transaction for which a dollar and thirty five cent (\$1.35) compensation shall be~~  
31 ~~paid. Performance of the item listed in subdivision (9) of this subsection in combination~~  
32 ~~with any other items listed in this subsection is a separate transaction for which a one~~  
33 ~~dollar and twenty cent (\$1.20) compensation shall be paid."~~

34 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.