

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2003**

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**HOUSE DRH10310-LK-237A (5/24)**

Short Title: License Plate Design Contest.

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Sponsors: Representative Dickson.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO  
3 CONDUCT A CONTEST FOR THE DESIGN OF A NEW STANDARD MOTOR  
4 VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall conduct a  
7 statewide contest for the design of a new registration plate to replace the "First in  
8 Flight" registration plate that has been in use in North Carolina since 1982.

9 **SECTION 2.** The Commissioner shall chair a review board that shall review  
10 all submitted entries for the new registration plate. The review board shall consist of the  
11 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, a staff member from the Division of Motor Vehicles  
12 familiar with the vehicle registration process and the issuance of special registration  
13 plates, the Secretary of Transportation or his designee, the Secretary of Commerce or  
14 his designee, and the Commander of the State Highway Patrol or his designee.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Commissioner shall ensure that there is widespread  
16 advertising of the contest and the contest rules, and he shall ensure reasonable time for  
17 the preparation, submission, and judging of the entries.

18 **SECTION 4.** The review board shall judge all of the submissions and  
19 determine the three best designs and mottos to appear on the registration plates. The  
20 design and motto shall reflect the beauty, diversity, and the integrity of the State. The  
21 review board shall submit the three best submissions to the Council of State.

22 **SECTION 5.** The Council of State shall make the final decision on the best  
23 design and motto to appear on the standard registration plate and to appear as the  
24 background for some of the special registration plates.

25 **SECTION 6.** The Division shall report to the Joint Legislative  
26 Transportation Oversight Committee on or before the first day of the 2005 Regular  
27 Session of the General Assembly about the results of the contest and shall submit any

1 legislation required for the implementation of the Council of State's decision and the  
2 distribution of the registration plates bearing the new design and motto.

3           **SECTION 7.** The Division of Motor Vehicles may use up to ten thousand  
4 dollars (\$10,000) from the Special Registration Plate Account during the 2004-2005  
5 fiscal year for the contest mandated by this act.

6           **SECTION 8.** This act is effective when it becomes law.