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**SENATE BILL 1431  
Finance Committee Substitute Adopted 7/7/04**

Short Title: Registration Plates.

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May 27, 2004

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE  
3 FIRST IN FLIGHT REGISTRATION PLATES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
4 DEFENSE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6           **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-39.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7           "(g1) The Commissioner may, upon request of the United States Department of  
8 Defense, issue registration plates compliant with G.S. 20-63, except for the requirement  
9 that the plate display the registration number of a specific motor vehicle, to be used on  
10 any Department of Defense vehicle. The registration plate may be moved from vehicle  
11 to vehicle, provided that the vehicle is used only for official government business and  
12 not permanently assigned to a single individual. The driver of a vehicle bearing a  
13 registration plate authorized by this subsection shall carry a copy of the registration card  
14 for the Department of Defense plate while operating the vehicle on the public highways.  
15 Plates issued pursuant to this subsection shall be issued on the first day of the fiscal year  
16 and shall be renewed annually upon the payment of a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for  
17 each plate. Records related to plates issued pursuant to this section shall be treated by  
18 the Division in the same manner as fictitious license plates under subsection (g) of this  
19 section."

20           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective September 1, 2004.