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HOUSE BILL 223
Senate Transportation Committee Substitute Adopted 6/6/18

Short Title: Special Plates/Handicapped Placard Renewal.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE DISABLED
3 VETERAN AND PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION
4 PLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO PRODUCE AN
5 "ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, TO REDUCE
6 THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REQUIRED FOR COLLEGIATE INSIGNIA
7 PLATES FOR PUBLIC MILITARY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND TO
8 PROVIDE THAT RENEWAL IS NOT REQUIRED FOR A HANDICAPPED PLACARD
9 THAT EXPIRES AFTER THE PERSON TO WHOM IT IS ISSUED IS EIGHTY YEARS
10 OF AGE.

11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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13 **AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE DISABLED**
14 **VETERAN AND PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION**
15 **PLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES**

16 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

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19 (64) Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United
20 States who suffered a 100% service-connected disability. A person may obtain
21 from the Division a special registration plate under this subdivision for the
22 registered owner of a motor vehicle or a motorcycle.

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24 (183) Partially Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the
25 United States who suffered a service connected disability of less than 100%.
26 A person may obtain from the Division a special registration plate under this
27 subdivision for the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a motorcycle.

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29 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

30 "(a) Free of Charge. – Upon request, ~~the and except for the special registration plate listed~~
31 in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the Division shall annually provide and issue free of charge
32 a single special registration plate listed in this subsection to a person qualified to receive the plate
33 in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a2). For the special registration plate listed in subdivision (2) of
34 this subsection, and upon request, the Division shall annually provide and issue free of charge a
35 single registration plate for both a motor vehicle and a motorcycle to a person qualified to receive
36 each plate in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a2). This subsection does not apply to a special



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1 registration plate issued for a vehicle that has a registered weight greater than 6,000 pounds. The
2 regular motor vehicle registration fees in G.S. 20-88 apply if the registered weight of the vehicle
3 is greater than 6,000 pounds:

- 4 (1) A Legion of Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Legion of Valor
5 award.
- 6 (2) A 100% Disabled Veteran registration plate to a 100% disabled veteran.
- 7 (3) An Ex-Prisoner of War registration plate to an ex-prisoner of war.
- 8 (4) A Bronze Star Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal
9 for valor in combat award.
- 10 (5) A Silver Star registration plate to a recipient of the Silver Star award."

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12 **AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE AN "ALPHA
13 PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE**

14 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 20-63(b1)(47) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its
15 repeal.

16 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 20-79.4(b)(6) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its
17 repeal.

18 **SECTION 2.(c)** The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity special registration plate listed as
19 expired in G.S. 20-79.7(a1) and (b) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its repeal.

20 **SECTION 2.(d)** The additional fee amount for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
21 special registration plate listed under G.S. 20-79.7(a1), as reenacted by this section, is modified
22 to thirty dollars (\$30.00). The Revisor of Statutes shall reorganize the table accordingly.

23 **SECTION 2.(e)** The distribution of fees for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity special
24 registration plate listed under G.S. 20-79.7(b), as reenacted by this section, is modified to ten
25 dollars (\$10.00) for the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA) and twenty dollars (\$20.00)
26 for the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA). The Revisor of Statutes shall
27 reorganize the table accordingly.

28 **SECTION 2.(f)** G.S. 20-81.12(b39) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its
29 repeal and reads as rewritten:

30 "(b39) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. – The Division ~~must receive 300 or more applications for~~
31 ~~the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall~~
32 ~~transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from~~
33 ~~the sale of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity plates to the Association of North Carolina Alphasmen~~
34 ~~(ANCA) Educational Foundation Education Consortium of North Carolina, Inc., for scholarships~~
35 ~~for the benefit of African-American males in ANCA attending accredited North Carolina~~
36 ~~colleges and universities."~~

37 **SECTION 2.(g)** This section becomes effective February 1, 2019.

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39 **REDUCE THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REQUIRED FOR COLLEGIATE
40 INSIGNIA PLATES FOR PUBLIC MILITARY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

41 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-81.12(a) reads as rewritten:

42 "(a) Collegiate Insignia Plates. – ~~The~~ Except for a collegiate insignia plate for a public
43 military college or university, the Division must receive 300 or more applications for a collegiate
44 insignia license plate for a college or university before a collegiate license plate may be
45 developed. For a collegiate insignia license plate for a public military college or university, the
46 Division must receive 100 or more applications before a collegiate license plate may be
47 developed. The color, design, and material for the plate must be approved by both the Division
48 and the alumni or alumnae association of the appropriate college or university. The Division must
49 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from
50 the sale of in-State collegiate insignia plates to the Board of Governors of The University of
51 North Carolina for in-State, public colleges and universities and to the respective board of

1 trustees for in-State, private colleges and universities in proportion to the number of collegiate
2 plates sold representing that institution for use for academic enhancement."
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4 **RENEWAL NOT REQUIRED FOR HANDICAPPED PLACARD AFTER AGE 80**

5 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-37.6(c1) reads as rewritten:

6 "(c1) Application and Renewal; Medical Certification. – The initial application for a
7 distinguishing license plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary removable windshield
8 placard shall be accompanied by a certification of a licensed physician, a licensed
9 ophthalmologist, a licensed optometrist, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed nurse
10 practitioner, or the Division of Services for the Blind that the applicant is handicapped or by a
11 disability determination by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant
12 is handicapped. For an initial application for a temporary removable windshield placard only, the
13 certification that the applicant is handicapped may be made by a licensed certified nurse midwife.
14 The application for a temporary removable windshield placard shall contain additional
15 certification to include the period of time the certifying authority determines the applicant will
16 have the disability. Distinguishing license plates shall be renewed annually, but subsequent
17 applications shall not require a medical certification that the applicant is handicapped.
18 Removable windshield placards shall be renewed every five years, and, except for a person
19 certified as totally and permanently disabled at the time of the initial application or a prior
20 renewal under this subsection, the renewal shall require a medical recertification that the person
21 is ~~handicapped~~handicapped; provided that renewal shall not be required for any placard that
22 expires after the person to whom it is issued is 80 years of age and the placard shall remain valid.
23 Temporary removable windshield placards shall expire no later than six months after issuance."
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25 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

26 **SECTION 5.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
27 law.