

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 1389
SENATE BILL 830

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 20-66 PERTAINING TO ANNUAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TO PROVIDE FOR SEMI-PERMANENT REGISTRATION PLATES AND ANNUAL ISSUANCE OF SUITABLE STICKERS, TABS OR DEVICES FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION IN LIEU OF NEW REGISTRATION PLATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-66 is hereby amended and rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 20-66. Renewal of registration; semi-permanent plates issued; renewal sticker annually. — (a) Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner upon proper application and by payment of the registration fee for such vehicle, as provided by law. The Department may receive and grant applications for renewal of registration at any time prior to expiration of registration.

(b) For the registration period beginning January 1, 1975, the Department, upon proper application for renewal of registration for private passenger motor vehicles, shall issue a new registration plate and registration card. For the registration period beginning January 1, 1976, and all subsequent registration periods, the Department, upon application for renewal of registration, shall, in lieu of a new registration plate, issue one or more stickers, tabs or other suitable devices denoting the registration period for which issued; provided that for the registration periods beginning January 1, 1978, and thereafter, the Department may, as it deems advisable in the discretion of the Commissioner, issue new registration plates together with such stickers, tabs or other devices; provided further, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to special issue plates, including but not limited to official plates, legislator plates, horseless carriage plates, personalized registered plates, civil air patrol plates, amateur radio operator plates, national guard plates, and handicapped person plates.

(c) Stickers, tabs or other devices issued hereunder shall be displayed as prescribed by the Commissioner. Except where the physical differences between the stickers, tabs, or devices and registration plates by their nature render any provision of this Chapter inapplicable, all provisions of this Chapter relating to registration plates shall apply to stickers, tabs or devices.

(d) The Department may also provide for the issuance of license plates for motor vehicles with the dates of expiration thereof to vary from month to month so as to approximately equalize the number that expire during the year."

Sec. 2. G.S. 20-66.1 and all other laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 13th day of April, 1974.