

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1979 SESSION

CHAPTER 1280
HOUSE BILL 1691

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 20 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA RELATIVE TO THE STAGGERED REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-65 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. G.S. 20-66 is hereby amended by striking in subsection (b1) thereof the words "farm trucks" appearing in line 7 thereof.

Sec. 3. G.S. 20-66 is hereby amended by inserting in subsection (d) thereof immediately after the word "the" and immediately before the word "year" appearing in line 3 the word "registration" and by adding four new subsections to be designated "(e)", "(f)", "(g)" and "(h)" to read as follows:

"(e) A vehicle license fee shall be computed by dividing the annual license fee by 12 and multiplying the quotient by the number of months remaining prior to the end of the month of expiration of the registration. Amounts so computed shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of twenty-five cents (25¢).

(f) No vehicle owner shall be required to pay the tax required by G.S. 20-88.1 at a rate greater than the annual rate prescribed in G.S. 20-88.1, because of Division of Motor Vehicles' procedures for implementing this subsection. Compliance with this restriction may be accomplished by computing the tax for a portion of a year by dividing the annual amount by 12 and multiplying the quotient by the number of months remaining prior to the end of the month of expiration of the registration. Amounts so computed shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of twenty-five cents (25¢).

(g) Registration of all vehicles required to be registered under the staggered system shall expire at midnight on the last day of the month designated on the validation sticker, tab or other device issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles to validate that registration: Provided, however, that it shall not be unlawful to continue to operate any vehicle upon the highways of this State after the expiration of the registration of said vehicle, registration card and registration plate during the 15-day period, inclusive of the 15th day immediately following the last day of the month designated on the validation sticker, tab or other device issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles to validate that registration if the registration plate validation sticker, tab or other device is registered to the vehicle prior to the first day of expiration month.

(h) Registration of all vehicles not required to be registered under the staggered system shall expire at midnight on the 31st day of December of each year: Provided, however, that it shall not be unlawful to continue to operate any vehicle upon the highways of this State after the expiration of the registration of said vehicle, registration card and registration plate during the period between the 31st day of December and the 15th day of February, inclusive, if the license plate is registered to the vehicle on which it is being used prior to the 31st day of December. Provided further that the fee required under G.S. 20-88.1 shall be paid and collected in its entirety at any time such vehicles are registered and is not to be prorated."

Sec. 4. The effective dates of this act shall be as follows: Section 1 shall become effective July 1, 1980. Section 2 shall become effective January 1, 1981. Subsection (e) of

Section 3 shall become effective July 1, 1980. Subsections (f), (g) and (h) of Section 3 shall become effective January 1, 1981.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 25th day of June, 1980.