

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 675
SENATE BILL 405

AN ACT TO EXEMPT COUNTY-OWNED VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CLIENTS OF AREA MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AUTHORITIES FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THEY BE MARKED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-250 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-250. **Publicly owned vehicle to be marked.** – It shall be the duty of the executive head of every department of the State government, and of any county, or of any institution or agency of the State, to have painted on every motor vehicle owned by the State, or by any county, or by any institution or agency of the State, a statement that such car belongs to the State or to some county, or institution or agency of the State. Provided, however, that no automobile used by any county officer or county official for the purpose of transporting, apprehending or arresting persons charged with violations of the laws of the State of North Carolina, shall be required to be lettered. Provided, further, that in lieu of the above method of marking motor vehicles owned by any agency or department of the State government, it shall be deemed a compliance with the law if such vehicles have imprinted on the license tags thereof, above the license number, the words 'State Owned' and that such vehicles have affixed to the front thereof a plate with the statement 'State Owned'. Provided, further, that in lieu of the above method of marking vehicles owned by any county, it shall be deemed a compliance with the law if such vehicles have painted or affixed on the side thereof a circle not less than eight inches in diameter showing a replica of the seal of such county. Provided, further, that no county-owned motor vehicle used for transporting day or residential facility clients of area mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse authorities established under Article 4 of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes shall be required to be lettered; provided, further, notwithstanding this sentence, each vehicle shall bear the distinctive permanent registration plate pursuant to G.S. 20-84. Provided, further, that in lieu of the above method of marking vehicles owned by the State and permanently assigned to members of the Council of State, it shall be deemed a compliance with the law if such vehicles have imprinted on the license tags thereof the license number assigned to the appropriate member of the Council of State pursuant to G.S. 20-81(4); a member of the Council of State shall not be assessed any registration fee if he elects to have a State-owned motor vehicle assigned to him designated by his official plate number.

The General Assembly may authorize exemptions from the provisions of this section for each fiscal year. Each agency shall submit requests for private tags to the Division of Motor Fleet Management of the Department of Administration. The Division shall report the requests to the Appropriations Committees of the General Assembly by June 1."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of July, 1987.