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HOUSE BILL 1391

Short Title: Shriner Emblem Registration Plates.

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Sponsors: Representatives Hightower; Smith, Bowman, Spears, Joye, Mitchell, Stewart, Fussell, and C. Preston.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SHRINERS, A.A.O.N.M.S.,
SPECIALIZED REGISTRATION PLATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

- (1) Administrative Officer of the Courts. – Issuable to the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The plate shall bear the phrase 'J-20'.
- (2) Amateur Radio Operator. – Issuable to an amateur radio operator who holds an unexpired and unrevoked amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission and who asserts to the Division that a portable transceiver is carried in the vehicle. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Amateur Radio.' The plate shall bear the operator's official amateur radio call letters, or call letters with numerical or letter suffixes so that an owner of more than one vehicle may have the call letters on each.
- (3) Civil Air Patrol Member. – Issuable to an active member of the North Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Civil Air Patrol'. A plate issued to an officer member shall begin with the number '201' and the number shall reflect the seniority of the

- 1 member; a plate issued to an enlisted member, a senior member, or a
2 cadet member shall begin with the number '501'.
- 3 (4) Class D Citizen's Radio Station Operator. – Issuable to a Class D
4 citizen's radio station operator licensed by the Federal
5 Communications Commission. The plate shall bear the operator's
6 official Class D citizen's radio station call letters.
- 7 (5) Clerk of Superior Court. – Issuable to a clerk of superior court. The
8 plate shall bear the phrase 'Clerk Superior Court' and the letter 'C'
9 followed by a number that indicates the county the clerk serves.
- 10 (6) Coast Guard Auxiliary Member. – Issuable to an active member of the
11 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. The plate shall bear the phrase
12 'Coast Guard Auxiliary'.
- 13 (6a) Collegiate Insignia Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
14 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase
15 or an insignia representing a public or private college or university.
- 16 (7) Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of
17 the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- 18 (8) Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of the
19 United States who suffered a 100% service-connected disability.
- 20 (9) District Attorney. – Issuable to a North Carolina or United States
21 District Attorney. The plate issuable to a North Carolina district
22 attorney shall bear the letters 'DA' followed by a number that
23 represents the prosecutorial district the district attorney serves. The
24 plate for a United States attorney shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Attorney'
25 followed by a number that represents the district the attorney serves,
26 with 1 being the Eastern District, 2 being the Middle District, and 3
27 being the Western District.
- 28 (10) Fire Department or Rescue Squad Member. – Issuable to an active
29 regular member or volunteer member of a fire department, rescue
30 squad, or both a fire department and rescue squad. The plate shall bear
31 the words 'Firefighter', 'Rescue Squad', or 'Firefighter-Rescue Squad'.
- 32 (11) Historic Vehicle Owner. – Issuable for a motor vehicle that is at least
33 35 years old measured from the date of manufacture. The plate for a
34 vehicle that is 35 to 50 years old shall bear the phrase 'Antique'. The
35 plate for a vehicle that is at least 50 years old shall bear the phrase
36 'Horseless Carriage'.
- 37 (11a) Historical Attraction Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a
38 motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a
39 phrase or an insignia representing a publicly owned or nonprofit
40 historical attraction located in North Carolina.
- 41 (12) Honorary Plate. – Issuable to a member of the Honorary ~~Consular~~
42 Consular Corps, who has been certified by the U. S. State Department,
43 the plate shall bear the words 'Honorary ~~Consular~~ Consular Corps' and
44 a distinguishing number based on the order of issuance.

- 1 (13) Judge or Justice. – Issuable to a sitting or retired judge or justice in
2 accordance with G.S. 20-79.6.
- 3 (14) Legislator. – Issuable to a member of the North Carolina General
4 Assembly. The plate shall bear the words 'Senate' or 'State House'
5 followed by the Senator's or Representative's assigned seat number.
- 6 (15) Marshal. – Issuable to a United States Marshal. The plate shall bear the
7 phrase 'U.S. Marshal' followed by a number that represents the district
8 the Marshal serves, with 1 being the Eastern District, 2 being the
9 Middle District, and 3 being the Western District.
- 10 (16) Military Reservist. – Issuable to a member of a reserve component of
11 the armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the name
12 and insignia of the appropriate reserve component. Plates shall be
13 numbered sequentially for members of a component with the numbers
14 1 through 5000 reserved for officers, without regard to rank.
- 15 (16a) Military Retiree. – Issuable to an individual who has retired from the
16 armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the phrase 'U.S.
17 Armed Forces Retired' and the name of the branch of service from
18 which the individual retired.
- 19 (17) National Guard Member. – Issuable to an active or a retired member of
20 the North Carolina National Guard. The plate shall bear the phrase
21 'National Guard'. A plate issued to an active member shall bear a
22 number that reflects the seniority of the member; a plate issued to a
23 commissioned officer shall begin with the number '1'; a plate issued to
24 a noncommissioned officer with a rank of E7, E8, or E9 shall begin
25 with the number '1601'; a plate issued to an enlisted member with a
26 rank of E6 or below shall begin with the number '3001'. The plate
27 issued to a retired or separated member shall indicate the member's
28 retired status.
- 29 (18) Partially Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces
30 of the United States who suffered a service connected disability of less
31 than 100%.
- 32 (19) Pearl Harbor Survivor. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of
33 the United States who was present at and survived the attack on Pearl
34 Harbor on December 7, 1941. The plate will bear the phrase 'Pearl
35 Harbor Survivor' and the insignia of the Pearl Harbor Survivors'
36 Association.
- 37 (20) Personalized. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle.
38 The plate will bear the letters or letters and numbers requested by the
39 owner. The Division may refuse to issue a plate with a letter
40 combination that is offensive to good taste and decency. The Division
41 may not issue a plate that duplicates another plate.
- 42 (21) Prisoner of War. – Issuable to a member or veteran member of the
43 armed forces of the United States who has been captured and held

- 1 prisoner by forces hostile to the United States while serving in the
2 armed forces.
- 3 (22) Purple Heart Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the Purple Heart
4 award. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Purple Heart Veteran, Combat
5 Wounded' and the letters 'PH'.
- 6 (22a) Shriner. – Issuable to a member of the Shriners, A.A.O.N.M.S. The
7 plate shall bear the phrase 'Shriner' and shall bear the insignia of the
8 organization pursuant to G.S. 20-81.12(b1).
- 9 (23) State Government Official. – Issuable to elected and appointed
10 members of State government in accordance with G.S. 20-79.5.
- 11 (24) Street Rod Owner. – Issuable to the registered owner of a modernized
12 private passenger motor vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949 or
13 designed to resemble a vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949.
14 The plate shall bear the phrase 'Street Rod'.
- 15 (25) Transportation Personnel. – Issuable to various members of the
16 Divisions of the Department of Transportation. The plate shall bear the
17 letters 'DOT' followed by a number from 1 to 85, as designated by the
18 Governor.
- 19 (26) U.S. Representative. – Issuable to a United States Representative for
20 North Carolina. The plate shall bear the phrase 'U.S. House' and shall
21 be issued on the basis of Congressional district numbers.
- 22 (27) U.S. Senator. – Issuable to a United States Senator for North Carolina.
23 The plates shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Senate' and shall be issued on the
24 basis of seniority represented by the numbers 1 and 2."

25 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

26 "(b1) Shriners Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a
27 Shriners plate before a plate may be developed. In developing the plate, the
28 Commissioner shall consult with the Oasis Shrine Temple, Charlotte; the Amran Shrine
29 Temple, Raleigh; and the Sudan Shrine Temple, New Bern, and if there are 300 or more
30 applications from any of these individual organizations, the Commissioner may vary the
31 insignia and wording appearing on the Shriner plates to reflect the membership of the
32 applicant in the local temple."

33 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.