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HOUSE BILL 661

Short Title: Legion of Valor Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gardner; Warner and P. Wilson.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE SPECIALIZED REGISTRATION PLATES TO HOLDERS OF THE LEGION OF VALOR.

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

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

24 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

25 "(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge one  
 26 registration plate to a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, a 100% disabled  
 27 veteran, a recipient of the Legion of Valor, and an ex-prisoner of war. All other special  
 28 registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87  
 29 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
Historical Attraction	\$30.00
Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
Personalized	\$20.00
All other Special Plates	\$10.00
Active Member of the National Guard	None".

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