

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1997

SESSION LAW 1998-160
HOUSE BILL 1518

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE EAGLE SCOUT SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES TO EAGLE SCOUTS OR THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, TO ISSUE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES TO RECIPIENTS OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD OR THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, AND TO ISSUE SMALLER REGISTRATION PLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES AND MOTORCYCLE TRAILERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(13a) Eagle Scout. – Issuable to a young man who has been certified as an Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America, or to his parents or guardians. The plate shall bear the insignia of the Boy Scouts of America and shall bear the words "Eagle Scout". The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate."

Section 2. G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(16a) Girl Scout Gold Award recipient. – Issuable to a young woman who has been certified as a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., or to her parents or guardians. The plate shall bear the insignia of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and shall bear the words "Girl Scout Gold Award". The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate."

Section 3. G.S. 20-63(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer shall be attached thereto, one in the front and the other in the rear: Provided, that when only one registration plate is issued for a motor vehicle other than a truck-tractor, said registration plate shall be attached to the rear of the motor vehicle. The registration plate issued for a truck-tractor shall be attached to the front thereof. Provided further, that when only one registration plate is issued for a motor vehicle and this motor vehicle is transporting a substance that may adhere to the plate so as to cover or discolor the plate or if the motor vehicle has a mechanical loading device that may damage the plate, the registration plate may be attached to the front of the motor vehicle.

Any motor vehicle of the age of 35 years or more from the date of manufacture may bear the license plates of the year of manufacture instead of the current registration plates, if the current registration plates are maintained within the vehicle and produced upon the request of any person.

The Division shall provide registered owners of motorcycles and motorcycle trailers with suitably reduced size registration plates."

Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17th day of September, 1998.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 5:27 p.m. this 28th day of September, 1998