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Short Title: Parade Trailers–Permanent Plates.

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Sponsors: Representatives Moore; Arnold, Barefoot, Bonner, Culp, Dedmon, Gulley, Hill, Jarrell, Jeffus, Mosley, Russell, Setzer, Sexton, Smith, Warwick, G. Wilson, and Yongue.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE PERMANENT REGISTRATION PLATES TO TRAILERS OWNED BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND USED ONLY IN PARADES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-84 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-84. Vehicles owned by State, municipalities or orphanages, etc.; certain vehicles operated by the local chapters of American National Red Cross.

The Division upon proper proof being filed with it that any motor vehicle for which registration is herein required is owned by the State or any department thereof, or by any county, township, city or town, or by any board of education, or by any orphanage or civil air patrol, or incorporated emergency rescue squad, or incorporated REACT ("Radio Emergency Association of Citizen Teams") Team, or for any motor vehicle involved exclusively in the support of a disaster relief effort, shall collect six dollars (\$6.00) for the registration of such motor vehicles, but shall not collect any fee for application for certificate of title in the name of the State or any department thereof, or by any county, township, city or town, or by any board of education or orphanage: Provided, that the term "owned" shall be construed to mean that such motor vehicle is the actual property of

1 the State or some department thereof or of the county, township, city or town, or of the
2 board of education, and no motor vehicle which is the property of any officer or
3 employee of any department named herein shall be construed as being "owned" by such
4 department. Provided, that the above exemptions from registration fees shall also apply to
5 any church-owned bus used exclusively for transporting children and parents to Sunday
6 school and church services and for no other purpose.

7 In lieu of the annual six dollars (\$6.00) registration provided for in this section, the
8 Division may for the license year 1950 and thereafter provide for a permanent
9 registration of the vehicles described in this section and issue permanent registration
10 plates for such vehicles. The permanent registration plates issued pursuant to this
11 paragraph shall be of a distinctive color and shall bear thereon the word
12 "permanent." Such plates may be transferred as provided in G.S. 20-78 to a replacement
13 vehicle of the same classification. For the permanent registration and issuance of
14 permanent registration plates provided for in this paragraph, the Division shall collect a
15 fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each vehicle so registered and licensed.

16 The provisions of this section are hereby made applicable to vehicles owned by a rural
17 fire department, agency or association.

18 The Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue to the North Carolina Tuberculosis
19 Association, Incorporated, or any local chapter or association of said corporation, for a
20 fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each plate a permanent registration plate which need not be
21 thereafter renewed for each motor vehicle in the form of a mobile X-ray unit which is
22 owned by said North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, Incorporated, or any local
23 chapter or local association thereof and operated exclusively in this State for the purpose
24 of diagnosis, treatment and discovery of tuberculosis. The initial six dollars (\$6.00) fee
25 required by this section and for this purpose shall be in full payment of the permanent
26 registration plates issued for such vehicle operated as a mobile X-ray unit, and such
27 plates need not thereafter be renewed, and such plates may be transferred as provided in
28 G.S. 20-78 to replacement vehicles to be used for the purposes above described and for
29 which the plates were originally issued.

30 The Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue to the American National Red Cross, upon
31 application of any local chapter thereof and payment of a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for
32 each plate, a permanent registration plate, which need not be thereafter renewed, for all
33 disaster vans, bloodmobiles, handivans, and such sedans and station wagons as are used
34 for emergency or disaster work, and operated by a local chapter in this State in the
35 business of the American National Red Cross. Such plates may be transferred as provided
36 in G.S. 20-78 to a replacement vehicle to be used for the purposes above described and
37 for which the plates were originally issued. In the event of transfer of ownership to any
38 other person, firm or corporation, or transfer or reassignment of any vehicle bearing such
39 registration plate to any chapter or association of the American National Red Cross in any
40 other state, territory or country, the registration plate assigned to such vehicle shall be
41 surrendered to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

42 In lieu of all other registration requirements, the Commissioner shall each year assign
43 to the State Highway Patrol, upon payment of six dollars (\$6.00) per registration plate, a

1 sufficient number of regular registration plates of the same letter prefix and in numerical
2 sequence beginning with number 100 to meet the requirements of the State Highway
3 Patrol for use on Division vehicles assigned to the State Highway Patrol. The commander
4 of the Patrol shall, when such plates are assigned, issue to each member of the State
5 Highway Patrol a registration plate for use upon the Division vehicle assigned to him
6 pursuant to G.S. 20-190 and assign a registration plate to each Division service vehicle
7 operated by the Patrol. An index of such assignments of registration plates shall be kept
8 at each State Highway Patrol radio station and a copy thereof shall be furnished to the
9 registration division of the Division. Information as to the individual assignments of such
10 registration plates shall be made available to the public upon request to the same extent
11 and in the same manner as regular registration information. The commander, when
12 necessary, may reassign registration plates provided that such reassignment shall be made
13 to appear upon the index required herein within 20 days after such reassignment.

14 The Division of Motor Vehicles shall, upon appropriate certification of financial
15 responsibility, issue to sheltered workshops recognized or approved by the Division of
16 Vocational Rehabilitation Services and to public and nonprofit agencies or organizations
17 which provide transportation for or operate programs subject to and approved in
18 accordance with standards adopted by the Commission for Mental Health,
19 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services of the Department of Health
20 and Human Services upon application and payment of a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each
21 plate, a permanent registration plate for vehicles registered to and operated by such
22 agencies. The initial six dollars (\$6.00) fee required by this section and for this purpose
23 shall be in full payment of the permanent registration plate issued for such vehicle
24 operated by a sheltered workshop and such plates need not thereafter be renewed, and
25 such plates may be transferred as provided in G.S. 20-78 to a replacement vehicle to be
26 used by the sheltered workshop designated on the registration card.

27 On and after January 1, 1972, permanent registration plates used on all vehicles
28 owned by the State of North Carolina or a department thereof shall be of a distinctive
29 color and design which shall be readily distinguishable from all other permanent
30 registration plates issued pursuant to this section or G.S. 20-84.1. For the purpose of
31 carrying out the intent of this paragraph, all vehicles owned by the State of North
32 Carolina or a department thereof in operation as of October 1, 1971, and bearing a
33 permanent registration shall be reregistered during the months of October, November and
34 December, 1971, and upon reregistration, registration plates issued for such vehicles shall
35 be of a distinctive color and design as provided for hereinabove.

36 The Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue to any nationally chartered charitable
37 organization, upon application of any local North Carolina chapter of that organization
38 and payment of a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each plate, a permanent registration plate,
39 which need not be renewed, for all trailers that are used only for parade floats and for
40 transporting vehicles and structures used only in parades. These plates may be
41 transferred as provided in G.S. 20-78 to a replacement vehicle to be used for the purposes
42 above described and for which the plates were originally issued. In the event of transfer
43 of ownership to any other person, firm, or corporation, or transfer or reassignment of any

1 vehicle bearing the permanent registration plate to any chapter or association of the
2 charitable organization in any other state, territory or country, the registration plate
3 assigned to that vehicle shall be surrendered to the Division of Motor Vehicles."

4 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.