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HOUSE BILL 64

Short Title: Simplify Special Plate Statutes.

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Sponsors: Representatives Huffman, Albertson, Barnhill, Culp, Fussell, Hurley, and Wood.

Referred to: Transportation.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE AND SIMPLIFY THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE  
3 LAWS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 20-80 through G.S. 20-81.2 and G.S. 20-81.4 through G.S.  
6 20-81.11 are repealed.

7 Sec. 2. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the  
8 following new sections to Part 5 of Article 3 of that Chapter to read:

9 "**§ 20-79.4. Special registration plates.**

10 (a) Types. – Upon application and payment of the required registration fees, a  
11 person may obtain from the Division a special registration plate for a motor vehicle  
12 registered in that person's name if the person qualifies for the registration plate. The  
13 Division shall issue the following types of special registration plates:

14 (1) Administrative Officer of the Courts. – Issuable to the Director of the  
15 Administrative Office of the Courts. The plate shall bear the phrase 'J-  
16 20'.

17 (2) Amateur Radio Operator. – Issuable to an amateur radio operator  
18 licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. The plate shall  
19 bear the operator's official amateur radio call letters.

20 (3) Civil Air Patrol Member. – Issuable to an active member of the North  
21 Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. The plate shall bear the phrase  
22 'Civil Air Patrol'. A plate issued to an officer member shall begin with  
23 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                  (7)                Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of  
14                  the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- 15                  (8)                Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of the  
16                  United States who suffered a 100% service-connected disability.
- 17                  (9)                District Attorney. – Issuable to a North Carolina or United States  
18                  District Attorney. The plate issuable to a North Carolina district  
19                  attorney shall bear the letters 'DA' followed by a number that  
20                  represents the prosecutorial district the district attorney serves. The  
21                  plate for a United States attorney shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Attorney'  
22                  followed by a number that represents the district the attorney serves,  
23                  with 1 being the Eastern District, 2 being the Middle District, and 3  
24                  being the Western District.
- 25                  (10)               Fire Department or Rescue Squad Member. – Issuable to an active  
26                  regular member or volunteer member of a fire department, rescue  
27                  squad, or both a fire department and rescue squad. The plate shall bear  
28                  the words 'Firefighter', 'Rescue Squad', or 'Firefighter-Rescue Squad'.
- 29                  (11)               Historic Vehicle Owner. – Issuable for a motor vehicle that is at least  
30                  35 years old measured from the date of manufacture. The plate for a  
31                  vehicle that is 35 to 50 years old shall bear the phrase 'Antique'. The  
32                  plate for a vehicle that is at least 50 years old shall bear the phrase  
33                  'Horseless Carriage'.
- 34                  (12)               Judge or Justice. – Issuable to a sitting or retired judge or justice in  
35                  accordance with G.S. 20-79.6.
- 36                  (13)               Legislator. – Issuable to a member of the North Carolina General  
37                  Assembly. The plate shall bear the words 'Senate' or 'State House'  
38                  followed by the Senator's or Representative's assigned seat number.
- 39                  (14)               Marshal. – Issuable to a United States Marshal. The plate shall bear  
40                  the phrase 'U.S. Marshal' followed by a number that represents the  
41                  district the Marshal serves, with 1 being the Eastern District, 2 being  
42                  the Middle District, and 3 being the Western District.
- 43                  (15)               Military Reservist. – Issuable to a member of a reserve component of  
44                  the armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the name

- 1                   and insignia of the appropriate reserve component. Plates shall be  
2                   numbered sequentially for members of a component with the numbers  
3                   1 through 5000 reserved for officers, without regard to rank.
- 4           (16) National Guard Member. – Issuable to an active or a retired member of  
5                   the North Carolina National Guard. The plate shall bear the phrase  
6                   'National Guard'. A plate issued to an active member shall bear a  
7                   number that reflects the seniority of the member; a plate issued to a  
8                   commissioned officer shall begin with the number '1'; a plate issued to  
9                   a noncommissioned officer with a rank of E7, E8, or E9 shall begin  
10                  with the number '1601'; a plate issued to an enlisted member with a  
11                  rank of E6 or below shall begin with the number '3001'. The plate  
12                  issued to a retired or separated member shall indicate the member's  
13                  retired status.
- 14           (17) Partially Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces  
15                  of the United States who suffered a service connected disability of less  
16                  than 100%.
- 17           (18) Pearl Harbor Survivor. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of  
18                  the United States who was present at and survived the attack on Pearl  
19                  Harbor on December 7, 1941. The plate will bear the phrase 'Pearl  
20                  Harbor Survivor' and the insignia of the Pearl Harbor Survivors'  
21                  Association.
- 22           (19) Personalized. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle.  
23                  The plate will bear the letters or letters and numbers requested by the  
24                  owner. The Division may refuse to issue a plate with a letter  
25                  combination that is offensive to good taste and decency. The Division  
26                  may not issue a plate that duplicates another plate.
- 27           (20) Prisoner of War. – Issuable to a member or veteran member of the  
28                  armed forces of the United States who has been captured and held  
29                  prisoner by forces hostile to the United States while serving in the  
30                  armed forces.
- 31           (21) Purple Heart Recipient – Issuable to a recipient of the Purple Heart  
32                  award. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Purple Heart Veteran, Combat  
33                  Wounded' and the letters 'PH'.
- 34           (22) State Government Official. – Issuable to elected and appointed  
35                  members of State government in accordance with G.S. 20-79.5.
- 36           (23) Street Rod Owner. – Issuable to the registered owner of a modernized  
37                  private passenger motor vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949 or  
38                  designed to resemble a vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949.  
39                  The plate shall bear the phrase 'Street Rod'.
- 40           (24) Transportation Personnel. – Issuable to various members of the  
41                  Divisions of the Department of Transportation. The plate shall bear  
42                  the letters 'DOT' followed by a number from 1 to 85, as designated by  
43                  the Governor.

(25) U.S. Representative. – Issuable to a United States Representative for North Carolina. The plate shall bear the phrase 'U.S. House' and shall be issued on the basis of Congressional districts represented by the numbers 1 through 11.

(26) U.S. Senator. – Issuable to a United States Senator for North Carolina. The plates shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Senate' and shall be issued on the basis of seniority represented by the numbers 1 and 2.

(b) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge one registration plate to a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, a 100% disabled veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. The annual fee for a special plate issuable to an active member of the national guard is the amount of the regular motor vehicle registration fee. The annual fee for a personalized plate issued under this section is the amount of the regular motor vehicle registration fee plus an additional twenty dollars (\$20.00). The annual fee for any other special plate listed in this section is the regular motor vehicle registration fee plus an additional ten dollars (\$10.00).

The Division shall credit the revenue derived from the additional fee collected for any special plate to the Special Registration Plate Fund.

(c) Disqualification. – A holder of a special license plate who becomes ineligible for the plate, for whatever reason, shall return the special plate within 30 days.

**"§ 20-79.5. Special registration plates for elected and appointed State government officials.**

(a) Plates. – The State government officials listed in this section are eligible for a special registration plate under G.S. 20-79.4. The plate shall bear the number designated in the following table for the position held by the official.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Number on Plate</u>
<u>Governor</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Lieutenant Governor</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Speaker of the House of Representatives</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>President Pro Tempore of the Senate</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Secretary of State</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>State Auditor</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>State Treasurer</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Superintendent of Public Instruction</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Attorney General</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Commissioner of Agriculture</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Commissioner of Labor</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Commissioner of Insurance</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Speaker Pro Tempore of the House</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>Legislative Services Officer</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>Secretary of Administration</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Secretary of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources</u>	<u>16</u>

1	<u>Secretary of Revenue</u>	<u>17</u>	
2	<u>Secretary of Human Resources</u>	<u>18</u>	
3	<u>Secretary of Economic and Community</u>		
4	<u>Development</u>	<u>19</u>	
5	<u>Secretary of Correction</u>	<u>20</u>	
6	<u>Secretary of Cultural Resources</u>	<u>21</u>	
7	<u>Secretary of Crime Control and Public</u>		
8	<u>Safety</u>	<u>22</u>	
9	<u>Governor's Staff</u>	<u>23-29</u>	
10	<u>State Budget Officer</u>	<u>30</u>	
11	<u>State Personnel Director</u>	<u>31</u>	
12	<u>Advisory Budget Commission</u>		
13	<u>Nonlegislative Member</u>	<u>32-41</u>	
14	<u>Chair of the State Board of Education</u>	<u>42</u>	
15	<u>President of the U.N.C. System</u>	<u>43</u>	
16	<u>Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission</u>		<u>44-46</u>
17	<u>Assistant Commissioners of Agriculture</u>		<u>47-48</u>
18	<u>Deputy Secretary of State</u>	<u>49</u>	
19	<u>Deputy State Treasurer</u>	<u>50</u>	
20	<u>Assistant State Treasurer</u>	<u>51</u>	
21	<u>Deputy Commissioner for the</u>		
22	<u>Department of Labor</u>	<u>52</u>	
23	<u>Chief Deputy for the</u>		
24	<u>Department of Insurance</u>	<u>53</u>	
25	<u>Assistant Commissioner of Insurance</u>	<u>54</u>	
26	<u>Deputies and Assistant to the Attorney</u>		
27	<u>General</u>	<u>55-65</u>	
28	<u>Board of Economic Development</u>		
29	<u>Nonlegislative Member</u>	<u>66-88</u>	
30	<u>State Ports Authority</u>		
31	<u>Nonlegislative Member</u>	<u>89-96</u>	
32	<u>Utilities Commission Member</u>	<u>97-104</u>	
33	<u>Parole Commission Member</u>	<u>105-109</u>	
34	<u>State Board Member, Commission Member,</u>		
35	<u>or State Employee Not Named in List</u>	<u>110-200</u>	

36 (b) Designation. – When the table in subsection (a) designates a range of  
 37 numbers for certain officials, the number given an official in that group shall be  
 38 assigned. The Governor shall assign a number for members of the Governor's staff,  
 39 nonlegislative members of the Advisory Budget Commission, nonlegislative members  
 40 of the Board of Economic Development, nonlegislative members of the State Ports  
 41 Authority, members of State boards and commissions, and for State employees. The  
 42 Attorney General shall assign a number for the Attorney General's deputies and  
 43 assistants.

1       The first number assigned to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission is  
2 reserved for the Chair of that Commission. The remaining numbers shall be assigned to  
3 the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission members on the basis of seniority. The  
4 first number assigned to the Utilities Commission is reserved for the Chair of that  
5 Commission. The remaining numbers shall be assigned to the Utilities Commission  
6 members on the basis of seniority. The first number assigned to the Parole Commission  
7 is reserved for the Chair of that Commission. The remaining numbers shall be assigned  
8 to the Parole Commission members on the basis of seniority.

9 **"§ 20-79.6. Special registration plates for members of the judiciary.**

10       (a) Appellate Division. – A special plate issued to a Justice or Judge of the North  
11 Carolina Appellate Courts shall bear the letter 'J' followed by a number from 1 through  
12 19. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina shall be issued the plate  
13 bearing the number 1 and the remaining plates shall be issued to the Associate Justices  
14 on the basis of seniority. The Chief Judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals shall  
15 be issued the next judicial plate and the remaining plates shall be issued to the Associate  
16 Judges on the basis of seniority. Special plates issued to retired members of the  
17 Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals shall bear a number indicating the member's  
18 position of seniority at the time of retirement followed by the letter 'X' to indicate the  
19 member's retired status.

20       (b) Superior Court. – A special plate issued to a resident superior court judge  
21 shall bear the letter 'J' followed by a number indicative of the judicial district the judge  
22 serves. The number issued to the senior resident superior court judge shall be equal to  
23 the sum of the numerical designation of the judge's judicial district, as defined in G.S.  
24 7A-41.1(a)(1), plus 20. If a district has more than one regular resident superior court  
25 judge, a special plate for a resident superior court judge of that district shall bear the  
26 number issued to the senior resident superior court judge followed by a hyphen and a  
27 letter of the alphabet beginning with the letter 'A' to indicate the judge's seniority.

28       For a set of districts as defined in G.S. 7A-41.1(a)(2), other than 7A and 7C, the  
29 number issued to the senior resident superior court judge shall be equal to the sum of 20  
30 plus the number the districts in the set have in common. A special plate issued to the  
31 other regular resident superior court judges of the set of districts shall bear the number  
32 issued to the senior resident superior court judge followed by a hyphen and a letter of  
33 the alphabet beginning with the letter 'A' to indicate the judge's seniority among all of  
34 the regular resident superior court judges of the set of districts. The letter assigned to a  
35 resident superior court judge will not necessarily correspond with the letter designation  
36 of the district the judge serves. For the set of districts 7B and 7C, the senior resident  
37 superior court judge for that set shall be issued a special plate bearing the designation  
38 27C following the letter 'J', and all other resident superior court judges of the set shall be  
39 issued a special plate bearing that designation followed by the letter 'B'.

40       A special judge, emergency judge, or retired judge of the superior court shall be  
41 issued a special plate bearing the letter 'J' followed by a number designated by the  
42 Administrative Office of the Courts with the approval of the Chief Justice of the  
43 Supreme Court of North Carolina. The plate for a retired judge shall have 'X' after the  
44 designated number to indicate the judge's retired status.

1 (c) District Court. – A special plate issued to a North Carolina district court  
2 judge shall bear the letter 'J' followed by a number. For the chief judge of the district  
3 court district, the number shall be equal to the sum of the numerical designation of the  
4 district court district the chief judge serves, plus 100. The number for all other judges  
5 of the district courts serving within the same district court district shall be the same  
6 number as appears on the special plate issued to the chief district judge followed by a  
7 letter of the alphabet beginning with the letter 'A' to indicate the judge's seniority. A  
8 retired district court judge shall be issued a similar plate except that the numerical  
9 designation shall be followed by the letter 'X' to indicate the judge's retired status.

10 (d) United States. – A special plate issued to a Justice of the United States  
11 Supreme Court, a Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, or a District  
12 Judge of the United States District Court residing in North Carolina shall bear the words  
13 'U.S. J' followed by a number beginning with '1'. The number shall reflect the judge's  
14 seniority based on continuous service as a United States Judge as designated by the  
15 Secretary of State. A judge who has retired or taken senior status shall be issued a  
16 similar plate except that the number shall be based on the date of the judge's retirement  
17 or assumption of senior status and shall follow the numerical designation of active  
18 justices and judges."

19 Sec. 3. G.S. 20-81.3 is recodified as G.S. 20-79.7 and reads as rewritten:

20 "**§ 20iRegistration Plate Fund.**

21 ~~(a) The Commissioner may promulgate rules on the issuance of special~~  
22 ~~personalized registration plates to the owner of private passenger motor vehicles, private~~  
23 ~~trucks, or commercial motor vehicles weighing 5,000 pounds or more gross weight, in~~  
24 ~~lieu of other number plates. Such personalized registration plate shall be of such design~~  
25 ~~and shall bear such letter or letters and numerals as the Commissioner shall prescribe,~~  
26 ~~but there shall be no duplication of a registration plate. The Commissioner shall in his~~  
27 ~~discretion refuse the issue of such letter combinations which might carry connotations~~  
28 ~~offensive to good taste and decency. – Fund. – The Special Registration Plate Fund is~~  
29 ~~established. The Fund consists of the revenue derived from the additional fee collected~~  
30 ~~for any special registration plate issued under G.S. 20-79.4. The Commissioner shall~~  
31 ~~deduct the costs of the special registration plates, including the costs of issuing,~~  
32 ~~handling, and advertising the availability of the special plates, from the Fund.~~

33 ~~(b) An owner who desires personalized registration plates shall make application~~  
34 ~~for such plates on forms which shall be provided by the Division of Motor Vehicles and~~  
35 ~~pay the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) annually, which shall be in addition to the~~  
36 ~~regular motor vehicle registration fee. Once an owner has obtained personalized plates,~~  
37 ~~he, where possible, will have first priority on those plates for the following years~~  
38 ~~provided he makes timely and appropriate application; provided, however, that the~~  
39 ~~Commissioner shall not issue a personalized license plate pursuant to this section except~~  
40 ~~upon written application therefor on a form furnished by the Commissioner in which the~~  
41 ~~applicant certifies that his operator's or chauffeur's license has not been revoked or~~  
42 ~~suspended under Article 2 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes within two years prior~~  
43 ~~to the date of the application; and provided, further, that any personalized license plate~~  
44 ~~issued pursuant to this section shall be cancelled and recalled by the Commissioner and~~

1 ~~the application fee forfeited in the event that the Commissioner determines that a false~~  
2 ~~application has been submitted.~~ Initial Distribution of Proceeds. – After deducting the  
3 costs of the special registration plates from the Fund, one-half of the proceeds in the  
4 Fund shall be transferred quarterly to the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Fund  
5 established under G.S. 113-77.7. From the remaining one-half of the proceeds, the  
6 Secretary of Transportation may allocate and reserve up to one hundred thousand  
7 dollars (\$100,000) to the Department of Transportation each fiscal year for the purpose  
8 of traffic control at major events as provided for by G.S. 136-44.2. Any funds allocated  
9 for traffic control that are neither used nor obligated at the end of the fiscal year shall  
10 remain in the Fund and be used in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

11 (c) ~~One-half of the revenue derived from the additional fee shall be deposited in~~  
12 ~~the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Fund established under G.S. 113-77.7. The~~  
13 ~~remaining one-half of the revenue derived from the additional fee for the special~~  
14 ~~personalized registration plates shall be placed in a separate fund designated the~~  
15 ~~"Personalized Registration Plate Fund". After deducting the cost of the plates, plus~~  
16 ~~budgetary requirements for advertising, handling, and issuance to be determined by the~~  
17 ~~Commissioner, the revenue in the Personalized Registration Plate~~ Use of Remaining  
18 Proceeds. – The remaining revenue in the Fund shall be transferred quarterly as follows:

- 19 (1) Thirty-three percent (33%) to the account of the Department of  
20 Economic and Community Development to aid in financing out-of-  
21 state print and other media advertising under the program for the  
22 promotion of travel and industrial development in this State.
- 23 (2) Fifty percent (50%) to the Department of Transportation to be used  
24 solely for the purpose of beautification of highways other than those  
25 designated as interstate. These funds shall be administered by the  
26 Department of Transportation for beautification purposes not  
27 inconsistent with good landscaping and engineering principles.
- 28 (3) Seventeen percent (17%) to the account of the Department of Human  
29 Resources to promote travel accessibility for disabled persons in this  
30 State. These funds shall be ~~used~~ used to collect and update site  
31 information on travel attractions designated by the Department of  
32 Economic and Community Development in its ~~publications;~~  
33 ~~publications,~~ to provide technical assistance to travel attractions  
34 concerning accommodation of disabled ~~tourists;~~ tourists, and to  
35 develop, print, and promote the publication ~~ACCESS NORTH~~  
36 ~~CAROLINA.~~ ACCESS NORTH CAROLINA as provided in G.S.168-  
37 2. The Department of Human Resources shall make copies of ACCESS  
38 ~~NORTH CAROLINA~~ available to the Department of Economic and  
39 Community Development for its use in Welcome Centers and other  
40 appropriate ~~Department of Economic and Community Development~~ offices.  
41 Any funds allocated for these purposes that are neither spent nor  
42 obligated at the end of the fiscal year shall be transferred to the  
43 Department of Administration for removal of man-made barriers to  
44 disabled travelers at State-funded travel attractions. Guidelines for the

1                    removal of man-made barriers shall be developed in consultation with  
2                    the Department of Human Resources.

3                    -                    ~~(4)        The Department of Economic and Community Development~~  
4                    ~~shall promote ACCESS NORTH CAROLINA in its publications~~  
5                    ~~(including providing a toll-free telephone line and an address for~~  
6                    ~~requesting copies of the publication) and provide technical~~  
7                    ~~assistance to the Department of Human Resources on travel~~  
8                    ~~attractions to be included in ACCESS NORTH CAROLINA. The~~  
9                    ~~Department of Economic and Community Development shall~~  
10                    ~~forward all requests for mailing ACCESS NORTH CAROLINA to~~  
11                    ~~the Department of Human Resources.~~

12                    (5)        Funds allocated by this subsection for promotion of travel accessibility  
13                    and ACCESS NORTH CAROLINA which are not spent and are not  
14                    obligated at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall be  
15                    transferred to the Department of Administration for removal of man-  
16                    made barriers to disabled travelers at State-funded travel attractions.  
17                    Guidelines for the removal of man-made barriers shall be developed in  
18                    consultation with the Department of Human Resources.

19                    (d)        Repealed by Session Laws 1975, c. 716, s. 5.

20                    (e)        ~~Special personalized registration plate shall mean any registration plate~~  
21                    ~~bearing any combination of letters or numerals, or both, other than that which the~~  
22                    ~~Division determines would normally be issued sequentially to an applicant for original~~  
23                    ~~or renewal vehicle registration.~~

24                    (f)        ~~In the event a personalized registration plate is lost, stolen or mutilated, the~~  
25                    ~~owner may not obtain another such plate bearing the same letter, letters or numerals~~  
26                    ~~until the next registration year. He may, upon proper application and payment of a fee~~  
27                    ~~of nine dollars (\$9.00), obtain a plate of the regular series. Provided, further, that a~~  
28                    ~~special personalized registration plate revoked for violation of the motor vehicle laws~~  
29                    ~~shall not be reissued, but in lieu thereof a plate of the regular series will be issued upon~~  
30                    ~~payment of the appropriate fee for the new registration plate.~~

31                    (g)        ~~The Secretary of Transportation may allocate and reserve up to one hundred~~  
32                    ~~thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the Department of Transportation each fiscal year from~~  
33                    ~~the "Personalized Registration Plate Fund", before any other transfers are made pursuant~~  
34                    ~~to subsection (e) of this section, for the purpose of traffic control at major events as~~  
35                    ~~provided for by G.S. 136-44.2. Any funds allocated pursuant to this subsection that are~~  
36                    ~~not used or obligated shall remain in the "Personalized Registration Plate Fund" for use~~  
37                    ~~for the fund's other purposes."~~

38                    Sec. 4. G.S. 168-2 is rewritten to read:

39                    **"§ 168-2. Right of access to and use of public places.**

40                    Handicapped persons have the same right as the able-bodied to the full and free use  
41                    of the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, public facilities, and all  
42                    other buildings and facilities, both publicly and privately owned, which serve the public.  
43                    The Department of Human Resources shall develop, print, and promote the publication  
44                    ACCESS NORTH CAROLINA. It shall make copies of the publication available to the

1 Department of Economic and Community Development for its use in Welcome Centers  
2 and other appropriate Department of Economic and Community Development offices.  
3 The Department of Economic and Community Development shall promote ACCESS  
4 NORTH CAROLINA in its publications (including providing a toll-free telephone line  
5 and an address for requesting copies of the publication) and provide technical assistance  
6 to the Department of Human Resources on travel attractions to be included in ACCESS  
7 NORTH CAROLINA. The Department of Economic and Community Development  
8 shall forward all requests for mailing ACCESS NORTH CAROLINA to the Department  
9 of Human Resources."

10 Sec. 5. G.S. 20-37.6(e) reads as rewritten:

11 "(e) Enforcement of Handicapped Parking Privileges. – It shall be unlawful:

- 12 (1) To park or leave standing any vehicle in a space designated with a sign  
13 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section for handicapped persons or  
14 visually impaired persons when the vehicle does not display the  
15 distinguishing license plate, placard, or identification card as provided  
16 in this section or a disabled veteran registration plate issued pursuant to  
17 ~~G.S. 20-81.4;~~ under G.S. 20-79.4;
- 18 (2) For any person not qualifying for the rights and privileges extended to  
19 handicapped or visually impaired persons under this section to exercise  
20 or attempt to exercise such rights or privileges by the unauthorized use  
21 of a distinguishing license plate, placard, or identification card issued  
22 pursuant to the provisions of this section;
- 23 (3) To park or leave standing any vehicle so as to obstruct a curb ramp or  
24 curb cut for handicapped persons as provided for by the North  
25 Carolina Building Code or as designated in G.S. 136-44.14;
- 26 (4) For those responsible for designating parking spaces for the  
27 handicapped to erect or otherwise use signs not conforming to G.S. 20-  
28 37.6(d) for this purpose.

29 This section is enforceable in all public vehicular areas specified in G.S. 20-  
30 4.01(32)."

31 Sec. 6. G.S. 20-95 reads as rewritten:

32 "**§ 20-95. Licenses for less than a year.**

33 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, licenses issued on or after  
34 April 1 and before July 1 of each year shall be three fourths of the annual fee; licenses  
35 issued on or after July 1 and before October 1 shall be one half of the annual fee; and  
36 licenses issued on or after October 1 shall be one fourth of the annual fee.

37 (b) This section shall not apply to licenses issued pursuant to G.S. ~~20-65, 20-79.1,~~  
38 ~~20-79.2, 20-79.3, 20-81.2, 20-84, 20-84.1, 20-~~ 87(9) through (10) and 20-88(c)."

39 Sec. 7. G.S. 20-66(b) is rewritten to read:

40 "(b) For the registration period beginning January 1, 1975, the Division, upon  
41 proper application for renewal of registration for private passenger motor vehicles, shall  
42 issue a new registration plate and registration card. For the registration period beginning  
43 January 1, 1976, and all subsequent registration periods, the Division, upon application  
44 for renewal of registration, shall, in lieu of a new registration plate, issue one or more

1 stickers, tabs or other suitable devices denoting the registration period for which issued;  
2 provided that for the registration periods beginning January 1, 1978, and thereafter, the  
3 Division may, as it deems advisable in the discretion of the Commissioner, issue new  
4 registration plates together with such stickers, tabs or other devices; ~~provided further, the~~  
5 ~~provisions of this subsection shall not apply to special issue plates, including but not limited to~~  
6 ~~official plates, legislator plates, civil air patrol plates and national guard plates. devices.~~"

7 Sec. 8. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.