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Short Title: Retired Court Clerk Plates.

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Sponsors: Representatives J. Brown; Justus and Buchanan.

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Referred to: State Government.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED REGISTRATION PLATES FOR RETIRED  
CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT.

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.

(2a) American Legion. – Issuable to a member or a supporter of the American Legion. The plate shall the American Legion. The Division

- 1 may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives  
2 at least 300 applications for the plate.
- 3 (3) Civil Air Patrol Member. – Issuable to an active member of the North  
4 Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. The plate shall bear the phrase  
5 Civil Air Patrol'. a plate issued to an officer member shall begin with  
6 the number '201' and the number shall reflect the seniority of the  
7 member; a plate issued to an enlisted member, a senior member, or a  
8 cadet member shall begin with the number '501'.
- 9 (3a) Civil Club. – Issuable to a member of a nationally recognized civic  
10 organization whose member clubs in the State are exempt from State  
11 corporate income tax under G.S. 105-130.11(a)(5). Examples of these  
12 clubs include Jaycees, Kiwanis, Optimist, rotary, Ruritan, and Shrine.  
13 The plate shall bear a word or phrase identifying the civil club and the  
14 emblem of the civic club. The Division may not issue a civic club plate  
15 authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications  
16 for that civic club plate.
- 17 (4) Class D Citizen's Radio Station Operator. – Issuable to a Class D  
18 citizen's radio station operator. For an operator who has been issued  
19 Class D citizen's radio station call letters by the Federal  
20 Communications Commission, the plate shall bear the operator's official  
21 Class D citizen's radio station call letters. For an operator who has not  
22 been issued Class D citizen's radio station call letters by the Federal  
23 Communications Commission, the plate shall bear the phrase 'Citizen's  
24 Band Radio'.
- 25 (5) Clerk of Superior Court. – Issuable to a clerk of superior court. The  
26 plate shall bear the phrase 'Clerk Superior Court' and the letter 'C'  
27 followed by a number that indicates the county the clerk serves.
- 28 (5a) Clerk of Superior Court, Retired. – Issuable to a retired clerk of the  
29 superior court. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Clerk Superior Court,  
30 Retired', the letter 'C' followed by a number that indicates the county the  
31 clerk served, and the letter 'X' indicating the clerk's retired status.
- 32 (6) Coast Guard Auxiliary Member. – Issuable to an active member of the  
33 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. The plate shall bear the phrase  
34 'Coast Guard Auxiliary'.
- 35 (6a) Collegiate Insignia Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor  
36 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase  
37 or an insignia representing a public or private college or university.
- 38 (7) County Commissioner. – Issuable to a county commissioner of a  
39 county in this State. The plate shall bear the words 'County  
40 Commissioner' followed first by a number representing the  
41 commissioner's county and then by a letter or number that distinguishes  
42 plates issued to county commissioners of the same county. The number  
43 of a county shall be the order of the county in an alphabetical list of

- 1 counties that assigns number one to the first county in the list and a  
2 letter or number to distinguish different cars owned by the county  
3 commissioners in that county. The Division may not issue the plate  
4 authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications  
5 for the plate.
- 6 (8) Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of the  
7 United States who suffered a 100% service-connected disability.
- 8 (9) District Attorney. – Issuable to a North Carolina or United States  
9 District Attorney. The plate issuable to a North Carolina district  
10 attorney shall bear the letters 'DA' followed by a number that represents  
11 the prosecutorial district the district attorney serves. The plate for a  
12 United States attorney shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Attorney' followed by  
13 a number that represents the district the attorney serves, with 1 being the  
14 Eastern District, 2 being the Middle District, and 3 being the Western  
15 District.
- 16 (10) Fire Department or Rescue Squad Member. – Issuable to an active  
17 regular member or volunteer member of a fire department, rescue squad,  
18 or both a fire department and rescue squad. The plate shall bear the  
19 words 'Firefighter', 'Rescue Squad', or 'Firefighter-Rescue Squad'.
- 20 (10a) Future Farmers of America. – Issuable to a member or a supporter of the  
21 national Future Farmers of America Organization. The plate shall bear  
22 the emblem of the organization and the letters 'FFA'. The Division may  
23 not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at  
24 least 300 applications for the plate.
- 25 (11) Historic Vehicle Owner. – Issuable for a motor vehicle that is at least 35  
26 years old measured from the date of manufacture. The plate for an  
27 historic vehicle shall bear the word 'Antique' unless the vehicle is a  
28 model year 1943 or older. The plate for a vehicle that is a model year  
29 1943 or older shall bear the word 'Antique' or the words 'Horseless  
30 Carriage', at the option of the vehicle owner.
- 31 (11a) Historical Attraction Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor  
32 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase  
33 or an insignia representing a publicly owned or nonprofit historical  
34 attraction located in North Carolina.
- 35 (12) Honorary Plate. – Issuable to a member of the Honorary Consular  
36 Corps, who has been certified by the U.S. State Department, the plate  
37 shall bear the words 'Honorary Consular Corps' and a distinguishing  
38 number based on the order of issuance.
- 39 (13) Judge or Justice. – Issuable to a sitting or retired judge or justice in  
40 accordance with G.S. 20-79.6.
- 41 (13a) Legion of Valor. – Issuable to a recipient of one of the following  
42 military decorations; the Congressional Medal of Honor, the

- 1 Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Air Force Cross.  
2 The plate shall bear the emblem and name of the recipient's decoration.
- 3 (14) Legislator. – Issuable to a member of the North Carolina General  
4 Assembly. The plate shall bear 'The Great Seal of the State of North  
5 Carolina' and, as appropriate, the word 'Senate' or 'House' followed by  
6 the Senator's or Representative's assigned seat number.
- 7 (15) Marshal. – Issuable to a United States Marshal. The plate shall bear the  
8 phrase 'U.S. Marshal' followed by a number that represents the district  
9 the Marshal serves, with 1 being the Eastern District, 2 being the Middle  
10 District, and 3 being the Western District.
- 11 (16) Military Reservist. – Issuable to a member of a reserve component of  
12 the armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the name and  
13 insignia of the appropriate reserve component. Plates shall be numbered  
14 sequentially for members of a component with the numbers 1 through  
15 5000 reserved for officers, without regard to rank.
- 16 (16a) Military Retiree. – Issuable to an individual who has retired from the  
17 armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the word  
18 'Retired' and the name and insignia of the branch of service from which  
19 the individual retired. The Division may not issue the plate authorized  
20 by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the  
21 plate.
- 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 a  
27 noncommissioned officer with a rank of E7, E8, or E9 shall begin with  
28 the number '1601'; a plate issued to an enlisted member with a rank of  
29 E6 or below shall begin with the number '3001'. The plate issued to a  
30 retired or separated member shall indicate the member's retired status.
- 31 (18) Partially Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces  
32 of the United States who suffered a service connected disability of less  
33 than 100%.
- 34 (19) Pearl Harbor Survivor. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of the  
35 United States who was present at and survived the attack on Pearl  
36 Harbor on December 7, 1941. The plate will bear the phrase 'Pearl  
37 Harbor Survivor' and the insignia of the Pearl Harbor Survivors'  
38 Association.
- 39 (20) Personalized. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The  
40 plate will bear the letters or letters and numbers requested by the owner.  
41 The Division may refuse to issue a plate with a letter combination that is  
42 offensive to good taste and decency. The division may not issue a plate  
43 that duplicates another plate.

- 1 (21) Prisoner of War. – Issuable to the following:  
2 a. A member or veteran member of the armed forces of the United  
3 States who has been captured and held prisoner by forces hostile  
4 to the United States while serving in the armed forces.  
5 b. The surviving spouse of a person who had a prisoner of war plate  
6 at the time of death so long as the surviving spouse continues to  
7 renew the plate and does not remarry.
- 8 (22) Purple Heart Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the Purple Heart  
9 award. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Purple Heart Veteran, Combat  
10 Wounded' and the letters 'PH'.
- 11 (22a) Register of Deeds. – Issuable to a register of deeds. The plate shall bear  
12 the words 'Register of Deeds' and the letter 'R' followed by a number  
13 representing the county of the register of deeds. The number of a  
14 county shall be the order of the county in an alphabetical list of counties  
15 that assigns number one to the first county in the list.
- 16 (22b) Special Olympics. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle  
17 in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase or an  
18 insignia representing the North Carolina Special Olympics.
- 19 (23) State Government Official. – Issuable to elected and appointed members  
20 of State government in accordance with G.S. 20-79.5.
- 21 (23a) State Attraction. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in  
22 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase or an  
23 insignia representing a publicly owned or nonprofit State attraction  
24 located in North Carolina.
- 25 (24) Street Rod Owner. – Issuable to the registered owner of a modernized  
26 private passenger motor vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949 or  
27 designed to resemble a vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949.  
28 The plate shall bear the phrase 'Street Rod'. The Division may not issue  
29 the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300  
30 applications for the plate.
- 31 (25) Transportation Personnel. – Issuable to various members of the  
32 Divisions of the Department of Transportation. The plate shall bear the  
33 letters 'DOT' followed by a number from 1 to 85, as designated by the  
34 Governor.
- 35 (26) U.S. Representative. – Issuable to a United States Representative for  
36 North Carolina. The plate shall bear the phrase 'U.S. House' and shall  
37 be issued on the basis of Congressional district numbers.
- 38 (27) U.S. Senator. – Issuable to a United States Senator for North Carolina.  
39 The plates shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Senate' and shall be issued on the  
40 basis of seniority represented by the numbers 1 and 2.
- 41 (28) Veterans of Foreign Wars. – Issuable to a member or a supporter of the  
42 Veterans of Foreign Wars. The plate shall bear the words 'Veterans of  
43 Foreign Wars' or 'VFW' and the emblem of the VFW. The Division

- 1                   may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives  
2                   at least 300 applications for the plate.
- 3           (29) Wildlife Resources. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor  
4           vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear a picture  
5           representing a native wildlife species occurring in North Carolina."  
6           Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.