

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 266
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/20/97

Short Title: Adjust License Weight.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 18, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW PRIVATE PASSENGER AND PRIVATE PROPERTY-
2 HAULING VEHICLES WEIGHING UP TO SIX THOUSAND POUNDS TO BE
3 ISSUED "FIRST IN FLIGHT" PLATES AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE DIVISION
4 OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE PERSONALIZED COMMERCIAL
5 LICENSE PLATES.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. G.S. 20-63(b) reads as rewritten:

9 "(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration
10 number assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North
11 Carolina, which may be abbreviated, the year number for which it is issued or the date of
12 expiration, and, if the plate is issued for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-
13 4.2(1), the word 'commercial,' designating 'commercial vehicle.' The Division may not
14 issue a plate bearing the word 'commercial' for a trailer, or a vehicle licensed for ~~less than~~
15 ~~5,000, 6,000 pounds or less. a property-hauling vehicle, or a commercial vehicle bearing a~~
16 ~~personalized plate.~~

17 A registration plate issued by the Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a
18 private hauler vehicle licensed for ~~4,000-6,000 pounds~~ or less shall be a 'First in Flight'
19 plate. A 'First in Flight' plate shall have the words 'First in Flight' printed at the top of

1 the plate above all other letters and numerals. The background of the plate shall depict
2 the Wright Brothers biplane flying over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly
3 upward and to the right."

4 Section 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 1998, and applies to new or
5 renewal vehicle registrations occurring on or after that date.