

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1148

Short Title: New Registration Plates.

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Sponsors: Senators Allran; Carpenter, Forrester, Foxx, Garwood, Jordan, Lucas, Moore, Rand, Reeves, Robinson, Rucho, Shaw of Guilford, Soles, Webster, and Weinstein.

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Referred to: Finance.

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April 15, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DESIGN AND AUTHORIZE A NEW STANDARD REGISTRATION  
PLATE FOR NORTH CAROLINA MOTOR VEHICLES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The catch line for G.S. 20-63 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 20-63. Registration plates furnished by Division; requirements; replacement of regular plates with ~~First in Flight~~ From the Mountains to the Sea or Nothing Could be Finer plates; surrender and reissuance; displaying; preservation and cleaning; alteration or concealment of numbers; commission contracts for issuance."**

Section 2. G.S. 20-63(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina, which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of expiration. A plate issued for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), must bear the word "commercial," unless the plate is a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4 or the commercial vehicle is a trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less.

A registration plate issued by the Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a private hauler vehicle licensed for 6,000 pounds or less shall be a ~~"First in Flight" plate.~~ A

1 ~~"First in Flight" plate shall have the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above all~~  
2 ~~other letters and numerals. The background of the plate shall depict the Wright Brothers biplane~~  
3 ~~flying over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly upward and to the right. "From the~~  
4 ~~Mountains to the Sea" or "Nothing Could be Finer" plate. A "From the Mountains to the~~  
5 ~~Sea" plate shall have the words "From the Mountains to the Sea" printed at the top of the~~  
6 ~~plate above all other letters and numerals. The background shall be a representation of~~  
7 ~~the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse centered and superimposed over a representation of~~  
8 ~~mountains colored in a blue that is a cross between sky blue (Carolina Blue) and royal~~  
9 ~~blue (Duke Blue) set before a pink or orange sunset. A "Nothing Could be Finer" plate~~  
10 ~~shall have the words "Nothing Could be Finer" printed at the top of the plate above all~~  
11 ~~other letters and numerals. The background shall be a representation of the Cape~~  
12 ~~Hatteras Lighthouse centered and superimposed over a representation of mountains~~  
13 ~~colored in a blue that is a cross between sky blue (Carolina Blue) and royal blue (Duke~~  
14 ~~Blue) set before a pink or orange sunset."~~

15 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.