

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**SESSION LAW 2001-212
SENATE BILL 91**

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL DEALER PLATES
TO BUSINESSES ENGAGED IN THE ALTERATION AND SALE OF
SPECIALTY VEHICLES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-79(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Number of Plates. – A dealer who was licensed under Article 12 of this Chapter for the previous 12-month period ending April 30 may obtain the number of dealer license plates allowed by the following table; the number allowed is based on the number of motor vehicles the dealer sold during the relevant 12-month period and the average number of qualifying sales representatives the dealer employed during that same 12-month period:

<u>Vehicles Sold In Relevant 12-Month Period</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Plates</u>
Fewer than 12	1
At least 12 but less than 25	4
At least 25 but less than 37	5
At least 37 but less than 49	6
49 or more	At least 6, but no more than 4 times the average number of qualifying sales representatives employed by the dealer during the relevant 12-month period.

A dealer who was not licensed under Article 12 of this Chapter for part or all of the previous 12-month period ending April 30 may obtain the number of dealer license plates that equals four times the number of qualifying sales representatives employed by the dealer on the date the dealer files the application. A "qualifying sales representative" is a sales representative who works for the dealer at least 25 hours a week on a regular basis and is compensated by the dealer for this work.

A dealer who sold fewer than 49 motor vehicles the previous 12-month period ending April 30 but has sold at least that number since May 1 may apply for additional dealer license plates at any time. The maximum number of dealer license plates the dealer may obtain is the number the dealer could have obtained if the dealer had sold at least 49 motor vehicles in the previous 12-month period ending April 30.

A dealer who applies for a dealer license plate must certify to the Division the number of motor vehicles the dealer sold in the relevant period. Making a material misstatement in an application for a dealer license plate is grounds for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a dealer's license under G.S. 20-294.

A dealer engaged in the alteration and sale of specialty vehicles may apply for up to two dealer plates in addition to the number of dealer plates that the dealer would otherwise be entitled to under this section."

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-4.01 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(44a) Specialty Vehicles. – Vehicles of a type required to be registered under this Chapter that are modified from their original construction for an educational, emergency services, or public safety use."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6th day of June, 2001.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 1:53 p.m. this 15th day of June, 2001