

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 995  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/24/03**

Short Title: Purple Heart Plates-Parking Meters.

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Sponsors:

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Referred to:

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April 9, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PERMIT VEHICLES WITH CERTAIN SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
2 PLATES TO PARK IN METERED SPACES FREE.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-301(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) On-Street Parking. – A city may by ordinance regulate, restrict, and prohibit  
7 the parking of vehicles on the public streets, alleys, and bridges within the city. When  
8 parking is permitted for a specified period of time at a particular location, a city may  
9 install a parking meter at that location and require any person parking a vehicle therein  
10 to place the meter in operation for the entire time that the vehicle remains in that  
11 location, up to the maximum time allowed for parking there. Parking meters may be  
12 activated by coins or tokens. Proceeds from the use of parking meters on public streets  
13 must be used to defray the cost of enforcing and administering traffic and parking  
14 ordinances and regulations. Motor vehicles displaying a 'Disabled Veteran,' 'Legion of  
15 Valor,' 'Prisoner of War,' 'Purple Heart Recipient,' or 'Silver Star' special registration  
16 plate may park in any metered parking space free of charge."

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2003.