

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1997

SESSION LAW 1998-155
HOUSE BILL 1082

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A NATIVE AMERICAN REGISTRATION PLATE, AND TO ALLOW AN INCREASE IN MEMBERS ON THE NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
"(28a) Native American. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate may bear a phrase or an insignia representing Native Americans. The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the plate before it may be developed."

Section 2. G.S. 157-68 reads as rewritten:

"§ 157-68. Commissioners of Authority.

The Authority shall consist of not less than five nor more than ~~nine~~—15 commissioners (the number to be set by the North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs) who shall be appointed by the Governor, after receiving nominations from the North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs. For each vacancy, the Governor must appoint one person from a list of two eligible persons so nominated. Commissioners shall be selected from the major groups of North Carolina Indians that elect members to the North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs under G.S. 143B-407. No person shall be barred from serving as a commissioner because he is a tenant or home buyer in an Indian housing project."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of September, 1998.

s/ Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 3:34 p.m. this 24th day of September, 1998