

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 91**

Short Title: Dealer Plate Changes.

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Sponsors: Senator Hoyle.

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Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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:

Vehicles Sold In Relevant  
12-Month Period

Maximum Number of Plates

Fewer than 12

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At least 12 but less than 25

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At least 25 but less than 37

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At least 37 but less than 49

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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"

1 is a sales representative who works for the dealer at least 25 hours a week on a regular  
2 basis and is compensated by the dealer for this work.

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

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

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

15 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.