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HOUSE BILL 741

Short Title: Veterans Registration Plate Modifications. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Blackwell, Wheatley, Shepard, and Iler (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs, if favorable,
Transportation, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 3, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE THE
MILITARY VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ON A PERSONALIZED
BACKGROUND AND MODIFYING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MILITARY
VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-63 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-63. Registration plates furnished by Division; requirements; replacement of regular plates with First in Flight plates, First in Freedom plates, or National/State Mottos plates; surrender and reissuance; displaying; preservation and cleaning; alteration or concealment of numbers; commission contracts for issuance.

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(b1) The following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate, "First in Freedom" plate, or "National/State Mottos" plate as provided in subsection (b) of this section. The design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates, "First in Freedom" plates, or "National/State Mottos" plate must be developed in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a3). For special plates authorized in G.S. 20-79.7 on or after July 1, 2013, the Division may not issue the plate on a background under this subsection unless it receives the required number of applications set forth in G.S. 20-79.3A(a).

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(30a) Military Veteran.

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SECTION 2. G.S. 20-79.4 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-79.4. Special registration plates.

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(b) Types. – The Division shall issue the following types of special registration plates:

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(130) Military Veteran. – Issuable to an individual who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States. The plate shall bear (i) the words "U.S. Military Veteran" across the top of the plate and (ii) the name and insignia of the branch of service in which the individual ~~served~~ served on the left side of the plate. The plate authorized by this subdivision is not subject to the provisions of G.S. 20-79.3A or G.S. 20-79.8.

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SECTION 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 2025.