

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2017

H

D

HOUSE BILL 223  
Senate Transportation Committee Substitute Adopted 6/6/18  
Third Edition Engrossed 6/7/18  
Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H223-PCCS40776-SU-2

Short Title: Special Plates/Handicapped Placard Renewal.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 2, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE DISABLED VETERAN AND PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO PRODUCE AN "ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REQUIRED FOR COLLEGIATE INSIGNIA PLATES FOR PUBLIC MILITARY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO PRODUCE AN "ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR PRINCE HALL AFFILIATED" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL CERTIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR RENEWAL OF A HANDICAPPED PLACARD THAT EXPIRES AFTER THE PERSON TO WHOM IT IS ISSUED IS EIGHTY YEARS OF AGE, AND TO AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES TO DELEGATE CERTAIN BUDGETARY DECISIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE DISABLED VETERAN AND PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES**

**SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

...

(64) Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who suffered a 100% service-connected disability. A person may obtain from the Division a special registration plate under this subdivision for the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a motorcycle.

...

(183) Partially Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who suffered a service connected disability of less than 100%. A person may obtain from the Division a special registration plate under this subdivision for the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a motorcycle.

...."

**SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Free of Charge. – Upon request, ~~the~~ and except for the special registration plate listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the Division shall annually provide and issue free of charge



\* H 2 2 3 - P C C S 4 0 7 7 6 - S U - 2 \*

1 a single special registration plate listed in this subsection to a person qualified to receive the plate  
2 in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a2). For the special registration plate listed in subdivision (2) of  
3 this subsection, and upon request, the Division shall annually provide and issue free of charge a  
4 single registration plate for both a motor vehicle and a motorcycle to a person qualified to receive  
5 each plate in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a2). This subsection does not apply to a special  
6 registration plate issued for a vehicle that has a registered weight greater than 6,000 pounds. The  
7 regular motor vehicle registration fees in G.S. 20-88 apply if the registered weight of the vehicle  
8 is greater than 6,000 pounds:

- 9 (1) A Legion of Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Legion of Valor  
10 award.
- 11 (2) A 100% Disabled Veteran registration plate to a 100% disabled veteran.
- 12 (3) An Ex-Prisoner of War registration plate to an ex-prisoner of war.
- 13 (4) A Bronze Star Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal  
14 for valor in combat award.
- 15 (5) A Silver Star registration plate to a recipient of the Silver Star award."  
16

17 **AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE AN "ALPHA**  
18 **PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE**

19 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 20-63(b1)(47) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its  
20 repeal.

21 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 20-79.4(b)(6) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its  
22 repeal.

23 **SECTION 2.(c)** The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity special registration plate listed as  
24 expired in G.S. 20-79.7(a1) and (b) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its repeal.

25 **SECTION 2.(d)** The additional fee amount for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity  
26 special registration plate listed under G.S. 20-79.7(a1), as reenacted by this section, is modified  
27 to thirty dollars (\$30.00). The Revisor of Statutes shall reorganize the table accordingly.

28 **SECTION 2.(e)** The distribution of fees for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity special  
29 registration plate listed under G.S. 20-79.7(b), as reenacted by this section, is modified to ten  
30 dollars (\$10.00) for the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA) and twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
31 for the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA). The Revisor of Statutes shall  
32 reorganize the table accordingly.

33 **SECTION 2.(f)** G.S. 20-81.12(b39) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its  
34 repeal and reads as rewritten:

35 "(b39) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. – The Division ~~must receive 300 or more applications for~~  
36 ~~the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall~~  
37 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from  
38 the sale of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity plates to the ~~Association of North Carolina Alphas~~  
39 ~~(ANCA) Educational Foundation Education Consortium of North Carolina, Inc.,~~ for scholarships  
40 for the benefit of African-American males ~~in ANCA~~ attending accredited North Carolina  
41 colleges and universities."

42 **SECTION 2.(g)** This section becomes effective February 1, 2019.  
43

44 **REDUCE THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REQUIRED FOR COLLEGIATE**  
45 **INSIGNIA PLATES FOR PUBLIC MILITARY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

46 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-81.12(a) reads as rewritten:

47 "(a) Collegiate Insignia Plates. – ~~The~~ Except for a collegiate insignia plate for a public  
48 military college or university, the Division must receive 300 or more applications for a collegiate  
49 insignia license plate for a college or university before a collegiate license plate may be  
50 developed. For a collegiate insignia license plate for a public military college or university, the  
51 Division must receive 100 or more applications before a collegiate license plate may be

1 developed. The color, design, and material for the plate must be approved by both the Division  
 2 and the alumni or alumnae association of the appropriate college or university. The Division must  
 3 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from  
 4 the sale of in-State collegiate insignia plates to the Board of Governors of The University of  
 5 North Carolina for in-State, public colleges and universities and to the respective board of  
 6 trustees for in-State, private colleges and universities in proportion to the number of collegiate  
 7 plates sold representing that institution for use for academic enhancement."  
 8

9 **AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO PRODUCE AN "ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
 10 **PRINCE HALL AFFILIATED" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE**

11 **SECTION 3.5.(a)** G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

13 ...

14 (j) Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated. – Issuable to an active  
 15 member of the Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated in accordance  
 16 with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the Order of the Eastern Star Prince  
 17 Hall Affiliated logo.

18 ...."

19 **SECTION 3.5.(b)** G.S. 20-79.7 reads as rewritten:

20 **"§ 20-79.7. Fees for special registration plates and distribution of the fees.**

21 ...

22 (a1) Fees. – All other special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle  
 23 registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
----------------------	------------------------------

25 ...

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association	\$30.00
--------------------------------------	---------

27 Operation Coming Home

<u>Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
---	----------------

29 Outer Banks Preservation Association

30 ...

31 (b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the Collegiate and  
 32 Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division must  
 33 credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed in subsection (a) of this  
 34 section among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and Cultural  
 35 Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF), which  
 36 is established under G.S. 113A-253, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is  
 37 established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>CWMTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
----------------------	-------------	--------------	--------------	-------------

39 ...

40 Operation Coming Home

41 Order of the Eastern Star Prince

<u>Hall Affiliated</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
------------------------	-------------	-------------	------------	------------

Order of the Long Leaf Pine	\$10	\$10	\$0	\$0
-----------------------------	------	------	-----	-----

44 ...."

45 **SECTION 3.5.(c)** G.S. 20-81.12 reads as rewritten:

46 **"§ 20-81.12. Collegiate insignia plates and certain other special plates.**

47 ...

48 (b159) Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated. – The Division shall transfer quarterly  
 49 the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of "Order  
 50 of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated" plates to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North  
 51 Carolina, PHA.

1 ...."

2 **SECTION 3.5.(d)** The Revisor of Statutes is authorized to alphabetize, number, and  
3 renumber the special registration plates listed in G.S. 20-79.4(b) to ensure that all the special  
4 registration plates are listed in alphabetical order and numbered accordingly.

5 **SECTION 3.5.(e)** This section becomes effective February 1, 2019.

6  
7 **RENEWAL NOT REQUIRED FOR HANDICAPPED PLACARD AFTER AGE 80**

8 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-37.6(c1) reads as rewritten:

9 "(c1) Application and Renewal; Medical Certification. – The initial application for a  
10 distinguishing license plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary removable windshield  
11 placard shall be accompanied by a certification of a licensed physician, a licensed  
12 ophthalmologist, a licensed optometrist, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed nurse  
13 practitioner, or the Division of Services for the Blind that the applicant is handicapped or by a  
14 disability determination by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant  
15 is handicapped. For an initial application for a temporary removable windshield placard only, the  
16 certification that the applicant is handicapped may be made by a licensed certified nurse midwife.  
17 The application for a temporary removable windshield placard shall contain additional  
18 certification to include the period of time the certifying authority determines the applicant will  
19 have the disability. Distinguishing license plates shall be renewed annually, but subsequent  
20 applications shall not require a medical certification that the applicant is handicapped.  
21 Removable windshield placards shall be renewed every five years, and, except for a person  
22 certified as totally and permanently disabled at the time of the initial application or a prior  
23 renewal under this subsection, the renewal shall require a medical recertification that the person  
24 is ~~handicapped~~ handicapped; provided that a medical certification shall not be required to renew  
25 any placard that expires after the person to whom it is issued is 80 years of age. Temporary  
26 removable windshield placards shall expire no later than six months after issuance."  
27

28 **AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES TO DELEGATE CERTAIN**  
29 **BUDGETARY DECISIONS**

30 **SECTION 4.5.(a)** G.S. 143B-1325 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

31 "(f) Secretaries of Departments listed in subsection (c) of this section may delegate to the  
32 Chief Information Officer for that Department the authority for budgetary decisions that fall  
33 below a dollar threshold set by that Department."

34 **SECTION 4.5.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2018.

35  
36 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

37 **SECTION 5.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
38 law.