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SENATE BILL 122

Short Title: Optimist Club Registration Plates.

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Sponsors: Senators Richardson; Ballance, Edwards, Walker, Lee, Jordan, Martin of Guilford, Hunt, and Conder.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE
2 SPECIALIZED REGISTRATION PLATES BEARING THE EMBLEM OF THE
3 OPTIMIST CLUB.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

9 (1) Administrative Officer of the Courts. – Issuable to the Director of the
10 Administrative Office of the Courts. The plate shall bear the phrase 'J-
11 20'.

12 (2) Amateur Radio Operator. – Issuable to an amateur radio operator who
13 holds an unexpired and unrevoked amateur radio license issued by the
14 Federal Communications Commission and who asserts to the Division
15 that a portable transceiver is carried in the vehicle. The plate shall bear
16 the phrase 'Amateur Radio.' The plate shall bear the operator's official
17 amateur radio call letters, or call letters with numerical or letter
18 suffixes so that an owner of more than one vehicle may have the call
19 letters on each.

20 (3) Civil Air Patrol Member. – Issuable to an active member of the North
21 Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. The plate shall bear the phrase
22 'Civil Air Patrol'. A plate issued to an officer member shall begin with
23 the number '201' and the number shall reflect the seniority of the

- 1 member; a plate issued to an enlisted member, a senior member, or a
2 cadet member shall begin with the number '501'.
- 3 (4) Class D Citizen's Radio Station Operator. – Issuable to a Class D
4 citizen's radio station operator licensed by the Federal
5 Communications Commission. The plate shall bear the operator's
6 official Class D citizen's radio station call letters.
- 7 (5) Clerk of Superior Court. – Issuable to a clerk of superior court. The
8 plate shall bear the phrase 'Clerk Superior Court' and the letter 'C'
9 followed by a number that indicates the county the clerk serves.
- 10 (6) Coast Guard Auxiliary Member. – Issuable to an active member of the
11 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. The plate shall bear the phrase
12 'Coast Guard Auxiliary'.
- 13 (6a) Collegiate Insignia Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
14 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase
15 or an insignia representing a public or private college or university.
- 16 (7) Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of
17 the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- 18 (8) Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of the
19 United States who suffered a 100% service-connected disability.
- 20 (9) District Attorney. – Issuable to a North Carolina or United States
21 District Attorney. The plate issuable to a North Carolina district
22 attorney shall bear the letters 'DA' followed by a number that
23 represents the prosecutorial district the district attorney serves. The
24 plate for a United States attorney shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Attorney'
25 followed by a number that represents the district the attorney serves,
26 with 1 being the Eastern District, 2 being the Middle District, and 3
27 being the Western District.
- 28 (10) Fire Department or Rescue Squad Member. – Issuable to an active
29 regular member or volunteer member of a fire department, rescue
30 squad, or both a fire department and rescue squad. The plate shall bear
31 the words 'Firefighter', 'Rescue Squad', or 'Firefighter-Rescue Squad'.
- 32 (11) Historic Vehicle Owner. – Issuable for a motor vehicle that is at least
33 35 years old measured from the date of manufacture. The plate for a
34 vehicle that is 35 to 50 years old shall bear the phrase 'Antique'. The
35 plate for a vehicle that is at least 50 years old shall bear the phrase
36 'Horseless Carriage'.
- 37 (11a) Historical Attraction Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a
38 motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a
39 phrase or an insignia representing a publicly owned or nonprofit
40 historical attraction located in North Carolina.
- 41 (12) Honorary Plate. – Issuable to a member of the Honorary Consulor
42 [Consular] Corps, who has been certified by the U. S. State
43 Department, the plate shall bear the words 'Honorary Consulor

- 1 [Consular] Corps' and a distinguishing number based on the order of
2 issuance.
- 3 (13) Judge or Justice. – Issuable to a sitting or retired judge or justice in
4 accordance with G.S. 20-79.6.
- 5 (14) Legislator. – Issuable to a member of the North Carolina General
6 Assembly. The plate shall bear the words 'Senate' or 'State House'
7 followed by the Senator's or Representative's assigned seat number.
- 8 (15) Marshal. – Issuable to a United States Marshal. The plate shall bear the
9 phrase 'U.S. Marshal' followed by a number that represents the district
10 the Marshal serves, with 1 being the Eastern District, 2 being the
11 Middle District, and 3 being the Western District.
- 12 (16) Military Reservist. – Issuable to a member of a reserve component of
13 the armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the name
14 and insignia of the appropriate reserve component. Plates shall be
15 numbered sequentially for members of a component with the numbers
16 1 through 5000 reserved for officers, without regard to rank.
- 17 (16a) Military Retiree. – Issuable to an individual who has retired from the
18 armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the phrase 'U.S.
19 Armed Forces Retired' and the name of the branch of service from
20 which the individual retired.
- 21 (17) National Guard Member. – Issuable to an active or a retired member of
22 the North Carolina National Guard. The plate shall bear the phrase
23 'National Guard'. A plate issued to an active member shall bear a
24 number that reflects the seniority of the member; a plate issued to a
25 commissioned officer shall begin with the number '1'; a plate issued to
26 a noncommissioned officer with a rank of E7, E8, or E9 shall begin
27 with the number '1601'; a plate issued to an enlisted member with a
28 rank of E6 or below shall begin with the number '3001'. The plate
29 issued to a retired or separated member shall indicate the member's
30 retired status.
- 31 (17a) Optimist Club. – Issuable to a member of the Optimist Club
32 International and shall bear the emblem of the club and the word
33 'Optimist.'
- 34 (18) Partially Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces
35 of the United States who suffered a service connected disability of less
36 than 100%.
- 37 (19) Pearl Harbor Survivor. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of
38 the United States who was present at and survived the attack on Pearl
39 Harbor on December 7, 1941. The plate will bear the phrase 'Pearl
40 Harbor Survivor' and the insignia of the Pearl Harbor Survivors'
41 Association.
- 42 (20) Personalized. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle.
43 The plate will bear the letters or letters and numbers requested by the
44 owner. The Division may refuse to issue a plate with a letter

- 1 combination that is offensive to good taste and decency. The Division
2 may not issue a plate that duplicates another plate.
- 3 (21) Prisoner of War. – Issuable to a member or veteran member of the
4 armed forces of the United States who has been captured and held
5 prisoner by forces hostile to the United States while serving in the
6 armed forces.
- 7 (22) Purple Heart Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the Purple Heart
8 award. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Purple Heart Veteran, Combat
9 Wounded' and the letters 'PH'.
- 10 (23) State Government Official. – Issuable to elected and appointed
11 members of State government in accordance with G.S. 20-79.5.
- 12 (24) Street Rod Owner. – Issuable to the registered owner of a modernized
13 private passenger motor vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949 or
14 designed to resemble a vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949.
15 The plate shall bear the phrase 'Street Rod'.
- 16 (25) Transportation Personnel. – Issuable to various members of the
17 Divisions of the Department of Transportation. The plate shall bear the
18 letters 'DOT' followed by a number from 1 to 85, as designated by the
19 Governor.
- 20 (26) U.S. Representative. – Issuable to a United States Representative for
21 North Carolina. The plate shall bear the phrase 'U.S. House' and shall
22 be issued on the basis of Congressional district numbers.
- 23 (27) U.S. Senator. – Issuable to a United States Senator for North Carolina.
24 The plates shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Senate' and shall be issued on the
25 basis of seniority represented by the numbers 1 and 2."
- 26 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.