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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE
3 PERMANENT REGISTRATION PLATES TO TRAILERS OWNED BY
4 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND USED ONLY IN PARADES AND TO
5 CONSOLIDATE AND MODERNIZE THE STATUTES PROVIDING FOR
6 PERMANENT REGISTRATION PLATES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. The caption of Part 6 of Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General
9 Statutes reads as rewritten:

10 **"PART 6. VEHICLES OF NONRESIDENTS OF STATE, ETC. STATE;
11 PERMANENT PLATES; HIGHWAY PATROL."**

12 Section 2. G.S. 20-79 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 "(c) The Division shall not collect a fee for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle
14 entitled to a permanent registration plate under G.S. 20-84."

15 Section 3. G.S. 20-84 reads as rewritten:

16 **"§ 20-84. ~~Vehicles owned by State, municipalities or orphanages, etc.; certain~~**
17 **~~vehicles operated by the local chapters of American National Red Cross.~~**
18 **Permanent registration plates; State Highway Patrol.**

1 (a) General. – The Division may issue a permanent registration plate for a motor
2 vehicle owned by one of the persons authorized to have a permanent registration plate in
3 this section. To obtain a permanent registration plate, a person must provide proof of
4 ownership, provide proof of financial responsibility as required by G.S. 20-309, and pay
5 a fee of six dollars (\$6.00). A permanent plate issued under this section may be
6 transferred as provided in G.S. 20-78 to a replacement vehicle of the same classification.
7 A permanent registration plate issued under this section must be a distinctive color and
8 bear the word "permanent". In addition, a permanent registration plate issued under
9 subdivision (b)(1) of this section must have distinctive color and design that is readily
10 distinguishable from all other permanent registration plates issued under this section.

11 (b) Permanent Registration Plates. – The Division may issue permanent plates for
12 the following motor vehicles:

- 13 (1) The Division upon proper proof being filed with it that any motor
14 vehicle for which registration is herein required is owned by the
15 motor vehicle owned by the State or any department thereof, or by any
16 one of its agencies.
- 17 (2) A motor vehicle owned by a county, township, city or town, or by any
18 town.
- 19 (3) A motor vehicle owned by a board of education, or by any education.
- 20 (4) A motor vehicle owned by an orphanage or civil orphanage.
- 21 (5) A motor vehicle owned by the civil air patrol, or incorporated patrol.
- 22 (6) A motor vehicle owned by an incorporated emergency rescue squad, or
23 incorporated squad.
- 24 (7) A motor vehicle owned by an incorporated REACT ("Radio Emergency
25 Association of Citizen Teams") Team, or for any Team.
- 26 (8) A motor vehicle owned by a person and involved used exclusively in the
27 support of a disaster relief effort, effort.
- 28 (9) A bus owned by a church and used exclusively for transporting
29 individuals to Sunday school and church services.
- 30 (10) A motor vehicle owned by a rural fire department, agency, or
31 association.
- 32 (11) A motor vehicle in the form of a mobile X-ray unit operated exclusively
33 in this State for the purpose of diagnosis, treatment, and discovery of
34 tuberculosis, and owned by the North Carolina Tuberculosis
35 Association, Incorporated, or by a local chapter or association of the
36 North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, Incorporated.
- 37 (12) A motor vehicle owned by a local chapter of the American National Red
38 Cross and used for emergency or disaster work.
- 39 (13) A motor vehicle owned by a sheltered workshop recognized or
40 approved by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services.
- 41 (14) A motor vehicle owned by a nonprofit agency or organization that
42 provides transportation for or operates programs subject to and

1 approved in accordance with standards adopted by the Commission for
2 Mental Health and Human Services.

3 (15) A bus or trackless trolley owned by a city and operated under a
4 franchise authorizing the use of city streets. This subdivision does not
5 apply to a bus or trackless trolley operated under a franchise authorizing
6 an intercity operation.

7 (16) A trailer owned by a nationally chartered charitable organization and
8 used exclusively for parade floats and for transporting vehicles and
9 structures used only in parades.

10 ~~shall collect six dollars (\$6.00) for the registration of such motor vehicles, but shall not~~
11 ~~collect any fee for application for certificate of title in the name of the State or any~~
12 ~~department thereof, or by any county, township, city or town, or by any board of~~
13 ~~education or orphanage: Provided, that the term "owned" shall be construed to mean that~~
14 ~~such motor vehicle is the actual property of the State or some department thereof or of the~~
15 ~~county, township, city or town, or of the board of education, and no motor vehicle which~~
16 ~~is the property of any officer or employee of any department named herein shall be~~
17 ~~construed as being "owned" by such department. Provided, that the above exemptions~~
18 ~~from registration fees shall also apply to any church-owned bus used exclusively for~~
19 ~~transporting children and parents to Sunday school and church services and for no other~~
20 ~~purpose.~~

21 ~~In lieu of the annual six dollars (\$6.00) registration provided for in this section, the~~
22 ~~Division may for the license year 1950 and thereafter provide for a permanent~~
23 ~~registration of the vehicles described in this section and issue permanent registration~~
24 ~~plates for such vehicles.~~

25 ~~The permanent registration plates issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be of a~~
26 ~~distinctive color and shall bear thereon the word "permanent." Such plates may be~~
27 ~~transferred as provided in G.S. 20-78 to a replacement vehicle of the same classification.~~
28 ~~For the permanent registration and issuance of permanent registration plates provided for~~
29 ~~in this paragraph, the Division shall collect a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each vehicle so~~
30 ~~registered and licensed.~~

31 ~~The provisions of this section are hereby made applicable to vehicles owned by a rural~~
32 ~~fire department, agency or association.~~

33 ~~The Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue to the North Carolina Tuberculosis~~
34 ~~Association, Incorporated, or any local chapter or association of said corporation, for a~~
35 ~~fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each plate a permanent registration plate which need not be~~
36 ~~thereafter renewed for each motor vehicle in the form of a mobile X-ray unit which is~~
37 ~~owned by said North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, Incorporated, or any local~~
38 ~~chapter or local association thereof and operated exclusively in this State for the purpose~~
39 ~~of diagnosis, treatment and discovery of tuberculosis. The initial six dollars (\$6.00) fee~~
40 ~~required by this section and for this purpose shall be in full payment of the permanent~~
41 ~~registration plates issued for such vehicle operated as a mobile X-ray unit, and such~~
42 ~~plates need not thereafter be renewed, and such plates may be transferred as provided in~~

1 ~~G.S. 20-78 to replacement vehicles to be used for the purposes above described and for~~
2 ~~which the plates were originally issued.~~

3 ~~The Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue to the American National Red Cross, upon~~
4 ~~application of any local chapter thereof and payment of a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for~~
5 ~~each plate, a permanent registration plate, which need not be thereafter renewed, for all~~
6 ~~disaster vans, bloodmobiles, handivans, and such sedans and station wagons as are used~~
7 ~~for emergency or disaster work, and operated by a local chapter in this State in the~~
8 ~~business of the American National Red Cross. Such plates may be transferred as provided~~
9 ~~in G.S. 20-78 to a replacement vehicle to be used for the purposes above described and~~
10 ~~for which the plates were originally issued. In the event of transfer of ownership to any~~
11 ~~other person, firm or corporation, or transfer or reassignment of any vehicle bearing such~~
12 ~~registration plate to any chapter or association of the American National Red Cross in any~~
13 ~~other state, territory or country, the registration plate assigned to such vehicle shall be~~
14 ~~surrendered to the Division of Motor Vehicles.~~

15 (c) State Highway Patrol. – In lieu of all other registration requirements, the
16 Commissioner shall each year assign to the State Highway Patrol, upon payment of six
17 dollars (\$6.00) per registration plate, a sufficient number of regular registration plates of
18 the same letter prefix and in numerical sequence beginning with number 100 to meet the
19 requirements of the State Highway Patrol for use on Division vehicles assigned to the
20 State Highway Patrol. The commander of the Patrol shall, when such plates are assigned,
21 issue to each member of the State Highway Patrol a registration plate for use upon the
22 Division vehicle assigned to ~~him~~ the member pursuant to G.S. 20-190 and assign a
23 registration plate to each Division service vehicle operated by the Patrol. An index of
24 such assignments of registration plates shall be kept at each State Highway Patrol radio
25 station and a copy ~~thereof~~ of it shall be furnished to the registration division of the
26 Division. Information as to the individual assignments of ~~such~~ the registration plates shall
27 be made available to the public upon request to the same extent and in the same manner
28 as regular registration information. The commander, when necessary, may reassign
29 registration plates provided that ~~such~~ the reassignment shall be made to appear upon the
30 index required ~~herein~~ under this subsection within 20 days after ~~such~~ the reassignment.

31 ~~The Division of Motor Vehicles shall, upon appropriate certification of financial~~
32 ~~responsibility, issue to sheltered workshops recognized or approved by the Division of~~
33 ~~Vocational Rehabilitation Services and to public and nonprofit agencies or organizations~~
34 ~~which provide transportation for or operate programs subject to and approved in~~
35 ~~accordance with standards adopted by the Commission for Mental Health,~~
36 ~~Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services of the Department of Health~~
37 ~~and Human Services upon application and payment of a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each~~
38 ~~plate, a permanent registration plate for vehicles registered to and operated by such~~
39 ~~agencies. The initial six dollars (\$6.00) fee required by this section and for this purpose~~
40 ~~shall be in full payment of the permanent registration plate issued for such vehicle~~
41 ~~operated by a sheltered workshop and such plates need not thereafter be renewed, and~~
42 ~~such plates may be transferred as provided in G.S. 20-78 to a replacement vehicle to be~~
43 ~~used by the sheltered workshop designated on the registration card.~~

1 ~~On and after January 1, 1972, permanent registration plates used on all vehicles~~
2 ~~owned by the State of North Carolina or a department thereof shall be of a distinctive~~
3 ~~color and design which shall be readily distinguishable from all other permanent~~
4 ~~registration plates issued pursuant to this section or G.S. 20-84.1. For the purpose of~~
5 ~~carrying out the intent of this paragraph, all vehicles owned by the State of North~~
6 ~~Carolina or a department thereof in operation as of October 1, 1971, and bearing a~~
7 ~~permanent registration shall be reregistered during the months of October, November and~~
8 ~~December, 1971, and upon reregistration, registration plates issued for such vehicles shall~~
9 ~~be of a distinctive color and design as provided for hereinabove."~~

10 Section 4. G.S. 20-84.1 is repealed.

11 Section 5. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.