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SENATE BILL 844

Short Title: Charter Schools/License Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Allran.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW CHARTER SCHOOLS TO OBTAIN THE SAME
2 PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES AS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 20-84 reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 20-84. Vehicles owned by State, municipalities or orphanages, etc.; certain**
7 **vehicles operated by the local chapters of American National Red Cross.**

8 The Division upon proper proof being filed with it that any motor vehicle for which
9 registration is herein required is owned by the State or any department thereof, or by any
10 county, township, city or town, or by any board of education, or by any orphanage or
11 civil air patrol, or incorporated emergency rescue squad, or incorporated REACT ("Radio
12 Emergency Association of Citizen Teams") Team, or for any motor vehicle involved
13 exclusively in the support of a disaster relief effort, shall collect six dollars (\$6.00) for the
14 registration of such motor vehicles, but shall not collect any fee for application for
15 certificate of title in the name of the State or any department thereof, or by any county,
16 township, city or town, or by any board of education or orphanage: Provided, that the
17 term "owned" shall be construed to mean that such motor vehicle is the actual property of
18 the State or some department thereof or of the county, township, city or town, or of the
19 board of education, and no motor vehicle which is the property of any officer or
20 employee of any department named herein shall be construed as being "owned" by such

1 department. Provided, that the above exemptions from registration fees shall also apply to
2 any church-owned bus used exclusively for transporting children and parents to Sunday
3 school and church services and for no other purpose.

4 The Division also shall issue to any nonprofit corporation that is authorized under
5 G.S. 115C-238.29D to operate a charter school, upon application of that nonprofit
6 corporation and payment of a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each plate, a permanent
7 registration plate for each vehicle that is owned by that corporation and is operated
8 exclusively by that charter school.

9 In lieu of the annual six dollars (\$6.00) registration provided for in this section, the
10 Division may for the license year 1950 and thereafter provide for a permanent
11 registration of the vehicles described in this section and issue permanent registration
12 plates for such vehicles. The permanent registration plates issued pursuant to this
13 paragraph shall be of a distinctive color and shall bear thereon the word
14 "permanent." Such plates may be transferred as provided in G.S. 20-78 to a replacement
15 vehicle of the same classification. For the permanent registration and issuance of
16 permanent registration plates provided for in this paragraph, the Division shall collect a
17 fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each vehicle so registered and licensed.

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

20 The Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue to the North Carolina Tuberculosis
21 Association, Incorporated, or any local chapter or association of said corporation, for a
22 fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each plate a permanent registration plate which need not be
23 thereafter renewed for each motor vehicle in the form of a mobile X-ray unit which is
24 owned by said North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, Incorporated, or any local
25 chapter or local association thereof and operated exclusively in this State for the purpose
26 of diagnosis, treatment and discovery of tuberculosis. The initial six dollars (\$6.00) fee
27 required by this section and for this purpose shall be in full payment of the permanent
28 registration plates issued for such vehicle operated as a mobile X-ray unit, and such
29 plates need not thereafter be renewed, and such plates may be transferred as provided in
30 G.S. 20-78 to replacement vehicles to be used for the purposes above described and for
31 which the plates were originally issued.

32 The Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue to the American National Red Cross, upon
33 application of any local chapter thereof and payment of a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for
34 each plate, a permanent registration plate, which need not be thereafter renewed, for all
35 disaster vans, bloodmobiles, handivans, and such sedans and station wagons as are used
36 for emergency or disaster work, and operated by a local chapter in this State in the
37 business of the American National Red Cross. Such plates may be transferred as provided
38 in G.S. 20-78 to a replacement vehicle to be used for the purposes above described and
39 for which the plates were originally issued. In the event of transfer of ownership to any
40 other person, firm or corporation, or transfer or reassignment of any vehicle bearing such
41 registration plate to any chapter or association of the American National Red Cross in any
42 other state, territory or country, the registration plate assigned to such vehicle shall be
43 surrendered to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

1 In lieu of all other registration requirements, the Commissioner shall each year assign
2 to the State Highway Patrol, upon payment of six dollars (\$6.00) per registration plate, a
3 sufficient number of regular registration plates of the same letter prefix and in numerical
4 sequence beginning with number 100 to meet the requirements of the State Highway
5 Patrol for use on Division vehicles assigned to the State Highway Patrol. The commander
6 of the Patrol shall, when such plates are assigned, issue to each member of the State
7 Highway Patrol a registration plate for use upon the Division vehicle assigned to him
8 pursuant to G.S. 20-190 and assign a registration plate to each Division service vehicle
9 operated by the Patrol. An index of such assignments of registration plates shall be kept
10 at each State Highway Patrol radio station and a copy thereof shall be furnished to the
11 registration division of the Division. Information as to the individual assignments of such
12 registration plates shall be made available to the public upon request to the same extent
13 and in the same manner as regular registration information. The commander, when
14 necessary, may reassign registration plates provided that such reassignment shall be made
15 to appear upon the index required herein within 20 days after such reassignment.

16 The Division of Motor Vehicles shall, upon appropriate certification of financial
17 responsibility, issue to sheltered workshops recognized or approved by the Division of
18 Vocational Rehabilitation Services and to public and nonprofit agencies or organizations
19 which provide transportation for or operate programs subject to and approved in
20 accordance with standards adopted by the Commission for Mental Health,
21 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services of the Department of Health
22 and Human Services upon application and payment of a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each
23 plate, a permanent registration plate for vehicles registered to and operated by such
24 agencies. The initial six dollars (\$6.00) fee required by this section and for this purpose
25 shall be in full payment of the permanent registration plate issued for such vehicle
26 operated by a sheltered workshop and such plates need not thereafter be renewed, and
27 such plates may be transferred as provided in G.S. 20-78 to a replacement vehicle to be
28 used by the sheltered workshop designated on the registration card.

29 On and after January 1, 1972, permanent registration plates used on all vehicles
30 owned by the State of North Carolina or a department thereof shall be of a distinctive
31 color and design which shall be readily distinguishable from all other permanent
32 registration plates issued pursuant to this section or G.S. 20-84.1. For the purpose of
33 carrying out the intent of this paragraph, all vehicles owned by the State of North
34 Carolina or a department thereof in operation as of October 1, 1971, and bearing a
35 permanent registration shall be reregistered during the months of October, November and
36 December, 1971, and upon reregistration, registration plates issued for such vehicles shall
37 be of a distinctive color and design as provided for hereinabove."

38 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.