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Short Title: Contract Agency Compensation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO SET THE COMPENSATION PAID BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR  
2 VEHICLES TO CONTRACT AGENCIES.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(h) reads as rewritten:

6 "(h) Commission Contracts for Issuance of Plates and Certificates. – All  
7 registration plates, registration certificates, and certificates of title issued by the  
8 Division, outside of those issued from the Raleigh offices of the Division and those  
9 issued and handled through the United States mail, shall be issued insofar as practicable  
10 and possible through commission contracts entered into by the Division for the issuance  
11 of the plates and certificates in localities throughout North Carolina with persons, firms,  
12 corporations or governmental subdivisions of the State of North Carolina. The Division  
13 shall make a reasonable effort in every locality, except as noted above, to enter into a  
14 commission contract for the issuance of the plates and certificates and a record of these  
15 efforts shall be maintained in the Division. In the event the Division is unsuccessful in  
16 making commission contracts, it shall issue the plates and certificates through the  
17 regular employees of the Division. Whenever registration plates, registration  
18 certificates, and certificates of title are issued by the Division through commission  
19 contract arrangements, the Division shall provide proper supervision of the distribution.  
20 Nothing contained in this subsection will allow or permit the operation of fewer outlets  
21 in any county in this State than are now being operated.

22 Commission contracts entered into by the Division under this subsection shall  
23 provide for the payment of compensation on a per transaction basis. The commission  
24 contracts shall set forth what services are included in each transaction category. The  
25 ~~collection of the highway use tax shall be considered a separate transaction for which~~  
26 ~~one dollar and twenty seven cents (\$1.27) compensation shall be paid. The performance~~  
27 ~~at the same time of one or more of the remaining transactions listed in this subsection~~  
28 ~~shall be considered a single transaction for which one dollar and forty three cents~~  
29 ~~(\$1.43) compensation shall be paid.~~

1 A transaction is any of the following activities:

2 (1) ~~Issuance of a registration plate, a registration card, a registration renewal~~  
3 ~~sticker, or a certificate of title.~~

4 (2) ~~Issuance of a handicapped placard or handicapped identification card.~~

5 (3) ~~Acceptance of an application for a personalized registration plate.~~

6 (4) ~~Acceptance of a surrendered registration plate, registration card, or~~  
7 ~~registration renewal sticker, or acceptance of an affidavit stating why a person cannot~~  
8 ~~surrender a registration plate, registration card, or registration renewal sticker.~~

9 (5) ~~Cancellation of a title because the vehicle has been junked.~~

10 (6) ~~Acceptance of an application for, or issuance of, a refund for a fee or a tax,~~  
11 ~~other than the highway use tax.~~

12 (7) ~~Receipt of the civil penalty imposed by G.S. 20-309 for a lapse in financial~~  
13 ~~responsibility or receipt of the restoration fee imposed by that statute.~~

14 (8) ~~Acceptance of a notice of failure to maintain financial responsibility for a~~  
15 ~~motor vehicle.~~

16 (8a) ~~Collection of civil penalties imposed for violations of G.S. 20-183.8A.~~

17 (8b) ~~Sale of one or more inspection stickers in a single transaction to a licensed~~  
18 ~~inspection station.~~

19 (9) ~~Collection of the highway use tax.~~

20 (10) ~~Acceptance of a temporary lien filing.~~

21 The following compensation shall be paid for the following categories of  
22 transactions:

23 Title Transactions \$2.97

24 Registration Transactions \$1.38

25 Customer Service Transactions \$1.48

26 International Registration Plan and Motor Carrier Transactions \$1.64.

27 The performance at the same time of a title transaction and a registration transaction  
28 shall be considered a single transaction for which the title transaction compensation rate  
29 shall be paid. Beginning in fiscal year 2004-2005, and each year thereafter, the  
30 compensation rates established by this subsection shall be increased by the same  
31 percentage, if any, that the salaries for permanent full-time State employees whose  
32 salaries are set pursuant to the State Personnel Act are increased by act of the General  
33 Assembly."

34 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.