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S 784. LICENSE PLATE AGENCY CONTRACTING. Filed 3/24/09. *TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO SUBMIT ALL CONTRACTS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND TO CREATE AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE FOR A FAILURE TO POST INFORMATION BY A FORMER CONTRACT AGENT.*

Amends GS 20-63 to require that (1) all Division of Motor Vehicle commission contracts related to the issuance of registration plates, registration certificates, and certificate of titles outside of those issued in the Charlotte and Raleigh offices and (2) standard operating procedures be reported to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by January 1 of each year.

Increases the compensation paid, under a commission contract, (1) for collecting highway use tax to \$1.73 (was, \$1.27) per transaction and (2) for other listed specific transactions to \$1.96 (was, \$1.43) per transaction.

Also allows a former contract agent, charged with a Class 3 misdemeanor due to failure to comply with posting requirements upon the closing of the only contract license plate agency in a county, to use as a defense to the charge that the agent did not have legal access to the property to make the required posting.

Effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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