



**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CONFERENCE REPORT**

Senate Bill 571*

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[NO] Title Change

[YES] For Committee Substitute

To: The President of the Senate
The Speaker of the House of Representatives

The conferees appointed to resolve the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on Senate Bill 571, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE VARIOUS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, House Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 7/10/13, submit the following report:

The Senate and House agree to the following amendments and the Senate concurs in House Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 7/10/13, as amended:

On page 1, line 9, by inserting the following after that line to read:

"(29) ~~Bronze Star Combat~~ Valor Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal for valor in combat. The plate shall bear the emblem of the Bronze Star with a "Combat V" emblem and the words "Bronze Star." To be eligible for this plate, the applicant must provide documentation that the medal was issued for valor in combat.

...";

And on page 1, line 22, by inserting the following after that line to read:

"(105) Legion of Valor. – Issuable to a recipient of one of the following military decorations: the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, ~~or the Air Force Cross.~~ Cross, or the Coast Guard Cross. The plate shall bear the emblem and name of the recipient's decoration.

...";

And on page 4, lines 27 through 32, by rewriting the lines to read:

"(a) ~~Fees.~~ Free of Charge. – Upon request, the Division shall annually provide and issue free of charge a single special registration plate listed in this subsection to a person qualified to receive the plate in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a2). This subsection does not apply to a special registration plate issued for vehicle that has a registered weight greater than 6,000 pounds. The regular motor vehicle registration fees in G.S. 20-88 apply if the registered weight of the vehicle is greater than 6,000 pounds.



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- (1) A Legion of Valor, Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Legion of Valor award.
 - (2) A 100% Disabled Veteran, Veteran registration plate to a 100% disabled veteran.
 - (3) An and Ex-Prisoner of War registration plate to a recipient of a Legion of Valor award, a 100% disabled veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war each year. The preceding special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration fees in G.S. 20-88, if the registered weight of the vehicle is greater than 6,000 pounds war.
 - (4) A Bronze Star Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal for valor in combat award.
 - (5) A Silver Star registration plate to a recipient of the Silver Star award.
- (a1) Fees. -- All other special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration";

On page 15, lines 2 through 4, by rewriting the lines to read:
"provided in subsection (b) of this section. The design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates must be developed in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a3). For special plates authorized in G.S. 20-79.7 on or after July 1, 2013, the Division may not issue the plate on a background under this subsection unless it receives at least 200 applications for the plate in addition to the applications required under G.S. 20-79.4 or G.S. 20-81.12. approved by the Division and the State Highway Patrol for clarity and ease of identification. When the Division registers a vehicle or renews the registration of a vehicle on";

And on page 16, lines 4 and 5, by inserting the following between those lines to read:

"SECTION 9.(e) G.S. 20-79.4(a3) reads as rewritten:

'(a3) The Division shall develop, in consultation with the State Highway Patrol and the Division of Adult Correction, a standardized format for special license plates. The format shall allow for the name of the State and the license plate number to be reflective and to contrast with the background so it may be easily read by the human eye and by cameras installed along roadways as part of tolling and speed enforcement. A designated segment of the plate shall be set aside for unique design representing various groups and interests. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the recall of existing special license plates."

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The conferees recommend that the Senate and the House of Representatives adopt this report.

Date Conferees approved report: July __, 2013.

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