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SENATE BILL DRS45554-NEF-103

Short Title: Purple Heart Specialty Plates. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator deViere (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PROVIDE FREE OF  
3 CHARGE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES TO PURPLE HEART AWARD  
4 RECIPIENTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-79.7 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 20-79.7. Fees for special registration plates and distribution of the fees.

8 (a) Free of Charge. – Upon request, and except for the special registration plate listed in  
9 ~~subdivision (2)~~ subdivisions (2) and (6) of this subsection, the Division shall annually provide  
10 and issue free of charge a single special registration plate listed in this subsection to a person  
11 qualified to receive the plate in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a2). For the special registration  
12 ~~plate~~ plates listed in ~~subdivision (2)~~ subdivisions (2) and (6) of this subsection, and upon request,  
13 the Division shall annually provide and issue free of charge a single registration plate for both a  
14 motor vehicle and a motorcycle to a person qualified to receive each plate in accordance with  
15 G.S. 20-79.4(a2). This subsection does not apply to a special registration plate issued for a  
16 vehicle that has a registered weight greater than 6,000 pounds. The regular motor vehicle  
17 registration fees in G.S. 20-88 apply if the registered weight of the vehicle is greater than 6,000  
18 pounds:

- 19 (1) A Legion of Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Legion of Valor  
20 award.  
21 (2) A 100% Disabled Veteran registration plate to a 100% disabled veteran.  
22 (3) An Ex-Prisoner of War registration plate to an ex-prisoner of war.  
23 (4) A Bronze Star Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal  
24 for valor in combat award.  
25 (5) A Silver Star registration plate to a recipient of the Silver Star award.  
26 (6) A Purple Heart registration plate to a recipient of the Purple Heart award.

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28 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2022, and applies to special  
29 registration plates issued or renewed on or after that date.



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