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SENATE BILL DRS45211-NE-108

Short Title: Reduced Size Plates/Modified Utility Vehicles. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Alexander and Jarvis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PROVIDE SUITABLY
3 REDUCED SIZE LICENSE PLATES TO REGISTERED OWNERS AND DEALERS OF
4 MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(d) reads as rewritten:

7 "(d) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer, or
8 semitrailer shall be attached thereto, one in the front and the other in the rear: Provided, that when
9 only one registration plate is issued for a motor vehicle other than a truck-tractor, said registration
10 plate shall be attached to the rear of the motor vehicle. The registration plate issued for a
11 truck-tractor shall be attached to the front thereof. Provided further, that when only one
12 registration plate is issued for a motor vehicle and this motor vehicle is transporting a substance
13 that may adhere to the plate so as to cover or discolor the plate or if the motor vehicle has a
14 mechanical loading device that may damage the plate, the registration plate may be attached to
15 the front of the motor vehicle.

16 Any motor vehicle of the age of 35 years or more from the date of manufacture may bear the
17 license plates of the year of manufacture instead of the current registration plates, if the current
18 registration plates are maintained within the vehicle and produced upon the request of any person.

19 The Division shall provide registered owners of ~~motorcycles and modified utility vehicles,~~
20 motorcycles, and property hauling motorcycle trailers attached to the rear of motorcycles with
21 suitably reduced size registration plates, approximately four by seven inches in size, that are
22 issued on a multiyear basis in accordance with G.S. 20-88(c), or on an annual basis as otherwise
23 provided in this Chapter."

24 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-79(c) reads as rewritten:

25 "(c) Form and Duration. – A dealer license plate is subject to G.S. 20-63, except for the
26 requirement that the plate display the registration number of a motor vehicle and the requirement
27 that the plate be a "First in Flight" plate, a "First in Freedom" plate, or a "National/State Mottos"
28 plate. A dealer license plate must have a distinguishing symbol identifying the plate as a dealer
29 license plate. The symbol may vary depending upon the classification of dealer license plate
30 issued. The Division must provide suitably reduced sized license plates for modified utility
31 vehicle and motorcycle dealers and manufacturers.

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33 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2023, and applies to registration
34 plates issued or renewed on or after that date.

