

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 319

Short Title: Veteran Registration Plate Modifications. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Blackwell, Iler, Shepard, and Cleveland (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 13, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE THE
3 MILITARY VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ON A PERSONALIZED
4 BACKGROUND AND MODIFYING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MILITARY
5 VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 20-63. Registration plates furnished by Division; requirements; replacement of regular**
9 **plates with First in Flight plates, First in Freedom plates, or National/State**
10 **Mottos plates; surrender and reissuance; displaying; preservation and cleaning;**
11 **alteration or concealment of numbers; commission contracts for issuance.**

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13 (b1) The following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate,
14 "First in Freedom" plate, or "National/State Mottos" plate as provided in subsection (b) of this
15 section. The design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates, "First in Freedom" plates, or
16 "National/State Mottos" plate must be developed in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a3). For
17 special plates authorized in G.S. 20-79.7 on or after July 1, 2013, the Division may not issue the
18 plate on a background under this subsection unless it receives the required number of applications
19 set forth in G.S. 20-79.3A(a).

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21 (29a) Military Veteran.

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23 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-79.4 reads as rewritten:

24 "**§ 20-79.4. Special registration plates.**

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26 (b) Types. – The Division shall issue the following types of special registration plates:

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28 (129) Military Veteran. – Issuable to an individual who served honorably in the
29 Armed Forces of the United States. The plate shall bear (i) the words "U.S.
30 Military Veteran" across the top of the plate and (ii) the name and insignia of
31 the branch of service in which the individual ~~served~~ served on the left side of
32 the plate. The plate authorized by this subdivision is not subject to the
33 provisions of G.S. 20-79.3A or G.S. 20-79.8.

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35 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2023.



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