



HOUSE BILL 5: Military Veterans Special Plate

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 5 would reauthorize the Military Veteran special registration plate without a requirement for a minimum number of applications. The plate is currently authorized but will expire on July 1, 2015, if it does not receive at least 300 applications.*

CURRENT LAW: North Carolina offers a number of special registration plates. Upon application and payment of the required registration fees, a person may obtain from the Division of Motor Vehicles a special registration plate for a motor vehicle registered in that person's name if the person qualifies for the registration plate. The issuance of most authorized plates is contingent upon the receipt by the Division of at least 300 applications for the particular plate.

The Military Veteran plate is authorized under current law, but the Division must receive at least 300 applications for the plate before it may be issued. In 2011, the General Assembly passed legislation enacting G.S. 20-79.8, which provides for the expiration of special plate authorizations if they do not receive the required number of applications. Pursuant to that provision, the Military Veteran plate expired on July 1, 2013. However, S.L. 2013-376 reauthorized the plate and eliminated the special registration plate fee for it. Although this plate is currently authorized, it will expire again on July 1 of this year pursuant to G.S. 20-79.8 if it has not received at least 300 applications.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 5 would reauthorize the Military Veteran special registration plate without a required minimum number of applications. The bill would also specify that the plate authorization expiration statute does not apply and the process for legislative approval of new special plates that was enacted last year does not apply to this plate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

