



HOUSE BILL 915: Veterans Plates/Vehicle Weight Restriction

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SUMMARY: House Bill 915 directs DMV to issue a single free special registration plate for a vehicle up to 17,000 lbs., to a person in any of five specified military special registration plate categories.

CURRENT LAW: Under current law, special registration plates are issuable for any motor vehicle up with a regular, weighted, or commercial plate (if it is not registered under the International Registration Plan), and in a few cases, for motorcycles. G.S. 20-63, G.S. 20-79.4, G.S. 20-81.12

A single free registration plates (meaning no regular fee, and no additional special plate fee) is issuable for a motor vehicle up to 6,000 lbs., for the following:

- (1) A Legion of Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Legion of Valor award.
- (2) A 100% Disabled Veteran registration plate to a 100% disabled veteran.
- (3) An Ex-Prisoner of War registration plate to an ex-prisoner of 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.

The regular registration fee for a private passenger vehicle is \$28.

The fee for property hauling vehicles over 6,000 lbs. varies by weight, pursuant to G.S. 20-88.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 915 directs DMV to issue a single free special registration plate for a vehicle up to 17,000 lbs., registered by a person in any of the five categories listed above.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to special registration plates issued or renewed on or after that date.

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