



# HOUSE BILL 986: Zeta Phi Beta Special Registration Plate.

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**SUMMARY:** *House Bill 986 would reauthorize the Zeta Phi Beta special registration plate. The plate was originally authorized effective January 1, 2004, and expired October 1, 2014.*

**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. As a general rule, the fee for a special registration plate is the regular vehicle registration fee plus a \$10 special registration plate fee. The cost of some special plates includes a fee in addition to the \$10 special registration plate fee. In those instances, the first \$10 goes to the special registration plate fund and the remainder is transferred quarterly to designated beneficiaries of the additional fee amount.

The Zeta Phi Beta special registration plate was authorized effective January 1, 2004. The plate was to bear the sorority's name and symbol. The authorization included an additional \$20 fee, with half of the additional fee to be transferred to the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Education Foundation for the benefit of undergraduate scholarships in the State. The Division was required to receive at least 300 applications for the plate before the plate could be developed. 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 legislation, the Zeta Phi Beta plate expired on July 1, 2013. S.L. 2014-96 reauthorized the plate, but it expired again on October 1, 2014.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 986 would reauthorize the Zeta Phi Beta special registration plate as it existed prior to its expiration, including the fee amount, distribution of the additional fee, and the requirement for at least 300 applications before the Division would develop the plate.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective July 1, 2016.

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