



HOUSE BILL 15: Public Authority/Permanent Plates.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 15 would authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue permanent registration plates to motor vehicles owned and operated by a Chapter 162A water and sewer authority.*

CURRENT LAW: DMV is currently authorized to issue permanent plates for vehicles owned and operated by the entities listed in G.S. 20-84(b), for a one-time registration fee of \$6.00. DMV is currently authorized, by G.S. 20-84(b), to issue permanent plates to the following motor vehicle categories:

- A motor vehicle owned by the State or one of its agencies.
- A motor vehicle owned by a county, city or town.
- A motor vehicle owned by a board of education.
- A motor vehicle that is owned and exclusively operated by a nonprofit corporation authorized under G.S. 115C-218.5 to operate a charter school and identified by a permanent decal or painted marking disclosing the name of the nonprofit corporation. The motor vehicle shall only be used for student transportation and official charter school related activities.
- A motor vehicle owned by the civil air patrol.
- A motor vehicle owned by an incorporated emergency rescue squad.
- A motor vehicle owned by a rural fire department, agency, or association.
- A motor vehicle owned by a local chapter of the American National Red Cross and used for emergency or disaster work.
- A motor vehicle owned by a community college. A community college vehicle purchased with State equipment funds shall be issued a permanent registration plate with the same distinctive color and design as a permanent registration plate issued under subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- A motor vehicle that is owned and operated by a sanitary district created under Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes.
- Any motor vehicle owned by a federally recognized tribe.
- A motor vehicle owned by a public transportation service provider that is a designated recipient or direct recipient of Federal Transit Administration formula grant funds pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5311 or 49 U.S.C. § 5307.

DMV is not currently authorized to issue permanent registration plates for vehicles owned and operated by Chapter 162A water and sewer authorities – they are subject to the annual registration fees specified in G.S. 20-87 (\$36.00) or G.S. 20-88 (by weight).

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BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 15 would authorize the DMV to issue a permanent registration plate to a motor vehicle owned and operated by a Chapter 162A water and sewer authority, for a one-time registration fee of \$6.00.

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bill 15 would become effective July 1, 2017.