



HOUSE BILL 30: Colorectal Cancer Awareness License Plate.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 30 would authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue a new Colorectal Cancer Awareness special license plate.

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 plate.

In 2014, the General Assembly enacted legislation creating a new development process for special registration plates, which requires the organization desiring the plate to submit, by February 15, the required number of paid applications to the Division of Motor Vehicles before legislation is introduced to authorize the plate. The Division is required to submit a report to the General Assembly each year by March 15 identifying applicants who have met the plate development requirements and are eligible for legislative consideration.

The issuance of most special plates is contingent upon the receipt by DMV of at least 300 applications for the particular plate if it is on a standard "First in Flight" background or at least 500 applications if it is on a full-color background.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 30 would do the following:

- Authorize a new full color "Colorectal Cancer Awareness" special license plate, requiring at least 500 paid applications before DMV will develop the plate.
- Establish a \$30 extra fee for the plate, with \$20 of that fee to be used to promote prevention and early detection of colorectal cancer and to provide support to persons affected.
- Provide that the plate will not be subject to the new development process enacted in 2014 for special registration plates, which requires an organization proposing a new plate to first submit the required number of paid applications to DMV before legislation is introduced to authorize the plate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective July 1, 2017.

BACKGROUND: As a general rule, the fee for a special registration plate is the regular vehicle registration fee, which is \$36, plus a special registration plate fee of at least \$10. \$10 of the special registration plate fee is credited to the Special Registration Plate Account. After deducting the cost of the plates from this account, \$1.3 million is appropriated to provide operating assistance for Visitor Centers. Fifty percent (50%) of the remaining revenue is transferred quarterly to the Department of Transportation for highway beautification and the remainder is transferred quarterly to the Highway Fund to be used for the Roadside Vegetation Management Program.

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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.

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