



# HOUSE BILL 300: Partially Disabled Veteran/Free Plate.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 300 would add the Partially Disabled Veteran special registration plate to the list of plates issued by the Division free of charge to a person qualified to receive the plate.*

**CURRENT LAW:** North Carolina offers a number of special registration plates. As a general rule, the fee for a special registration plate is the regular vehicle registration fee of \$36 plus a \$10 special registration plate fee. There are a number of military service related plates, including the Partially Disabled Veteran plate, that are issued without the additional special registration plate fee.

In addition, the Division of Motor Vehicles is required to provide, upon request, a single plate free of charge to an applicant qualified to receive the following plates:

- Legion of Valor
- 100% Disabled Veteran
- Ex-Prisoner of War
- Bronze Star Valor
- Silver Star

Additional plates in those categories would be issued at the \$36 regular registration fee with no additional special registration plate fee.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 300 would add the Partially Disabled Veteran Plate to the list of plates set out above, requiring the Division to issue one plate to a person qualified to receive the plate free of charge. Additional plates would continue to be issued at the \$36 regular registration fee with no additional special registration plate fee.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would become effective July 1, 2017, and would apply to plates issued or renewed on or after that date.

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