



2025-2026 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 747:

2026 Wildlife Resources Changes, Sec. 2:

Authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles to Issue Lifetime Conservationist and Wildlife Resources License Plates

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-43, Sec. 2

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Section 2 of S.L. 2026-43 (House Bill 747) does the following:

- Authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to produce a new Lifetime Conservationist special registration plate, to be a standard background plate with the Wildlife Resource Commission's (WRC) "North Carolina Lifetime Conservationist" logo. The special registration plate fee is \$30, with \$20 going to the Wildlife Resources Fund to be used by WRC.
- Authorizes the DMV to produce the Wildlife Resources special registration plate as a full-color background plate with a picture in the background representing a native wildlife species occurring in North Carolina. The development of the Wildlife Resources special registration plate is not subject to the minimum applications requirement nor the 60-day requirement for submitting final artwork.
- Makes a technical change to reflect that \$20 of the current \$30 charge for the sale of each Native Brook Trout special registration plate is transferred to the WRC for use to fund public access to and habitat protection of brook trout waters. The Native Brook Trout special registration plate was authorized by the General Assembly in S.L. 2013-376, which established a \$30 special registration plate fee.

This section becomes effective October 1, 2026.

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