



HOUSE BILL 782: Civic Club Registration Plate Clarification.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 782 would clarify that a civic club special registration plate, which is issuable to a member of a civic club, may also be issued to the civic organization itself.*

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. 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, and the additional fee is transferred quarterly to designated beneficiaries. The issuance of most authorized plates is contingent upon receipt by the Division of at least 300 applications for a standard background plate, or 500 applications for a full-color background plate.

In 2014, the General Assembly enacted legislation creating a development process for special registration plates, which requires the organization desiring the plate to submit the required number of paid applications to the Division before legislation is introduced to authorize the plate. Before the plate development process was enacted, the General Assembly enacted some special plate authorizations that are category authorizations, such as the civic club plate authorization, that allow a qualifying requestor to request development of a new plate under the category without a new specific legislative authorization. A qualifying civic club is a nationally recognized civic organization whose member clubs have tax exempt status in North Carolina. The authorization includes a nonexclusive list of examples of civic clubs. The plates are issuable to club members for motor vehicles or motorcycles.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 782 would clarify that a civic club special registration plate, which is authorized and issuable to members of a nationally recognized civic organization, may also be issued to the organization itself, if the organization is the registered owner of the vehicle. The bill would also add Lions Club to the list of examples of civic clubs in the statutory plate authorization.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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