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Short Title: Distinguished Service Cross Plates.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE  
SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE CROSS, THE AIR FORCE CROSS, AND THE NAVY CROSS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Types. – The Division shall issue the following types of special registration plates:

(1) Administrative Officer of the Courts. – Issuable to the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The plate shall bear the phrase 'J-20'.

(1a) Air Force Cross. – Issuable to a recipient of the Air Force Cross award. The plate shall bear the words 'Air Force Cross'.

(2) Amateur Radio Operator. – Issuable to an amateur radio operator who holds an unexpired and unrevoked amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission and who asserts to the Division that a portable transceiver is carried in the vehicle. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Amateur Radio.' The plate shall bear the operator's official amateur radio call letters, or call letters with numerical or letter suffixes so that an owner of more than one vehicle may have the call letters on each.

(3) Civil Air Patrol Member. – Issuable to an active member of the North Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. The plate shall bear the phrase

- 1 'Civil Air Patrol'. A plate issued to an officer member shall begin with  
2 the number '201' and the number shall reflect the seniority of the  
3 member; a plate issued to an enlisted member, a senior member, or a  
4 cadet member shall begin with the number '501'.
- 5 (4) Class D Citizen's Radio Station Operator. – Issuable to a Class D  
6 citizen's radio station operator licensed by the Federal  
7 Communications Commission. The plate shall bear the operator's  
8 official Class D citizen's radio station call letters.
- 9 (5) Clerk of Superior Court. – Issuable to a clerk of superior court. The  
10 plate shall bear the phrase 'Clerk Superior Court' and the letter 'C'  
11 followed by a number that indicates the county the clerk serves.
- 12 (6) Coast Guard Auxiliary Member. – Issuable to an active member of the  
13 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. The plate shall bear the phrase  
14 'Coast Guard Auxiliary'.
- 15 (6a) Collegiate Insignia Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor  
16 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase  
17 or an insignia representing a public or private college or university.
- 18 (7) Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of  
19 the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- 20 (8) Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of the  
21 United States who suffered a 100% service-connected disability.
- 22 (8a) Distinguished Service Cross. – Issuable to a recipient of the  
23 Distinguished Service Cross award. The plate shall bear the words  
24 'Distinguished Service Cross'.
- 25 (9) District Attorney. – Issuable to a North Carolina or United States  
26 District Attorney. The plate issuable to a North Carolina district  
27 attorney shall bear the letters 'DA' followed by a number that  
28 represents the prosecutorial district the district attorney serves. The  
29 plate for a United States attorney shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Attorney'  
30 followed by a number that represents the district the attorney serves,  
31 with 1 being the Eastern District, 2 being the Middle District, and 3  
32 being the Western District.
- 33 (10) Fire Department or Rescue Squad Member. – Issuable to an active  
34 regular member or volunteer member of a fire department, rescue  
35 squad, or both a fire department and rescue squad. The plate shall bear  
36 the words 'Firefighter', 'Rescue Squad', or 'Firefighter-Rescue Squad'.
- 37 (11) Historic Vehicle Owner. – Issuable for a motor vehicle that is at least  
38 35 years old measured from the date of manufacture. The plate for a  
39 vehicle that is 35 to 50 years old shall bear the phrase 'Antique'. The  
40 plate for a vehicle that is at least 50 years old shall bear the phrase  
41 'Horseless Carriage'.
- 42 (11a) Historical Attraction Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a  
43 motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a

- 1 phrase or an insignia representing a publicly owned or nonprofit  
2 historical attraction located in North Carolina.
- 3 (12) Honorary Plate. – Issuable to a member of the Honorary ~~Consular~~  
4 Consular Corps, who has been certified by the U. S. State Department,  
5 the plate shall bear the words 'Honorary ~~Consular~~ Consular Corps' and  
6 a distinguishing number based on the order of issuance.
- 7 (13) Judge or Justice. – Issuable to a sitting or retired judge or justice in  
8 accordance with G.S. 20-79.6.
- 9 (14) Legislator. – Issuable to a member of the North Carolina General  
10 Assembly. The plate shall bear the words 'Senate' or 'State House'  
11 followed by the Senator's or Representative's assigned seat number.
- 12 (15) Marshal. – Issuable to a United States Marshal. The plate shall bear the  
13 phrase 'U.S. Marshal' followed by a number that represents the district  
14 the Marshal serves, with 1 being the Eastern District, 2 being the  
15 Middle District, and 3 being the Western District.
- 16 (16) Military Reservist. – Issuable to a member of a reserve component of  
17 the armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the name  
18 and insignia of the appropriate reserve component. Plates shall be  
19 numbered sequentially for members of a component with the numbers  
20 1 through 5000 reserved for officers, without regard to rank.
- 21 (16a) Military Retiree. – Issuable to an individual who has retired from the  
22 armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the phrase 'U.S.  
23 Armed Forces Retired' and the name of the branch of service from  
24 which the individual retired.
- 25 (17) National Guard Member. – Issuable to an active or a retired member of  
26 the North Carolina National Guard. The plate shall bear the phrase  
27 'National Guard'. A plate issued to an active member shall bear a  
28 number that reflects the seniority of the member; a plate issued to a  
29 commissioned officer shall begin with the number '1'; a plate issued to  
30 a noncommissioned officer with a rank of E7, E8, or E9 shall begin  
31 with the number '1601'; a plate issued to an enlisted member with a  
32 rank of E6 or below shall begin with the number '3001'. The plate  
33 issued to a retired or separated member shall indicate the member's  
34 retired status.
- 35 (17a) Navy Cross. – Issuable to a recipient of the Navy Cross award. The  
36 plate shall bear the words 'Navy Cross'.
- 37 (18) Partially Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces  
38 of the United States who suffered a service connected disability of less  
39 than 100%.
- 40 (19) Pearl Harbor Survivor. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of  
41 the United States who was present at and survived the attack on Pearl  
42 Harbor on December 7, 1941. The plate will bear the phrase 'Pearl  
43 Harbor Survivor' and the insignia of the Pearl Harbor Survivors'  
44 Association.

- 1 (20) Personalized. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle.  
 2 The plate will bear the letters or letters and numbers requested by the  
 3 owner. The Division may refuse to issue a plate with a letter  
 4 combination that is offensive to good taste and decency. The Division  
 5 may not issue a plate that duplicates another plate.
- 6 (21) Prisoner of War. – Issuable to a member or veteran member of the  
 7 armed forces of the United States who has been captured and held  
 8 prisoner by forces hostile to the United States while serving in the  
 9 armed forces.
- 10 (22) Purple Heart Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the Purple Heart  
 11 award. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Purple Heart Veteran, Combat  
 12 Wounded' and the letters 'PH'.
- 13 (23) State Government Official. – Issuable to elected and appointed  
 14 members of State government in accordance with G.S. 20-79.5.
- 15 (24) Street Rod Owner. – Issuable to the registered owner of a modernized  
 16 private passenger motor vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949 or  
 17 designed to resemble a vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949.  
 18 The plate shall bear the phrase 'Street Rod'.
- 19 (25) Transportation Personnel. – Issuable to various members of the  
 20 Divisions of the Department of Transportation. The plate shall bear the  
 21 letters 'DOT' followed by a number from 1 to 85, as designated by the  
 22 Governor.
- 23 (26) U.S. Representative. – Issuable to a United States Representative for  
 24 North Carolina. The plate shall bear the phrase 'U.S. House' and shall  
 25 be issued on the basis of Congressional district numbers.
- 26 (27) U.S. Senator. – Issuable to a United States Senator for North Carolina.  
 27 The plates shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Senate' and shall be issued on the  
 28 basis of seniority represented by the numbers 1 and 2."

29 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

30 "(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge one  
 31 registration plate to (i) a recipient of either the Air Force Cross, the Congressional  
 32 Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, or the Navy Cross, (ii) a 100%  
 33 disabled veteran, and (iii) an ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration plates are  
 34 subject to the regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an  
 35 additional fee in the following amount:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
37 Historical Attraction	\$30.00
38 Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
39 Personalized	\$20.00
40 <del>All other Special Plates</del>	<del>\$10.00</del>
41 Active Member of the National Guard	None
42 <u>All Other Special Plates</u>	<u>\$10.00."</u>

43 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.