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HOUSE BILL 1842

Short Title: 2 Year License Plates/Inspections.

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Sponsors: Representatives Allred; Capps, Davis, Rayfield, and Sexton.

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Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN STATUTORY CHANGES TO IMPROVE THE  
EFFICIENCY OF THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on the implementation of a program for routine vehicle registration and drivers license renewals with information and fees electronically transmitted over the Internet. The report shall be made no later than December 1, 2000, and shall include the necessary statutory changes to implement the program by July 1, 2001.

Section 2. G.S. 20-66(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) ~~Annual-Biennial~~ Renewal. – The registration of a vehicle ~~must~~ shall be renewed ~~annually~~ biennially. To renew the registration of a vehicle, the owner of the vehicle ~~must~~ shall file an application with the Division and pay the required registration fee. The Division may receive and grant an application for renewal of registration at any time before the registration expires."

Section 3. G.S. 20-66(h) reads as rewritten:

"(h) When Calendar-Year Plate Expires. – The registration of a vehicle that is not renewed by means of a registration renewal sticker expires at midnight on December 31

1 of ~~each year~~ the year indicated on the sticker. It is lawful, however, to operate the vehicle  
2 on a highway until midnight on the following February 15."

3 Section 4. G.S. 20-66(i) reads as rewritten:

4 "(i) Property Tax Consolidation. – When the Division receives an application  
5 under subsection (a) for the renewal of registration before the current registration expires,  
6 the Division shall grant the application if it is made for the purpose of consolidating the  
7 property taxes payable by the applicant on classified motor vehicles, as defined in G.S.  
8 105-330. The registration fee for a motor vehicle whose registration cycle is changed  
9 under this subsection shall be reduced by a prorated amount. The prorated amount is ~~one-~~  
10 ~~twelfth~~ one twenty-fourth of the registration fee in effect when the motor vehicle's  
11 registration was last renewed multiplied by the number of full months remaining in the  
12 motor vehicle's current registration cycle, rounded to the nearest multiple of twenty-five  
13 cents (25¢)."

14 Section 5. G.S. 20-183.4D(d) reads as rewritten:

15 "(d) When Sticker Expires. – An inspection sticker put on a vehicle that did not  
16 have an inspection sticker issued under this Part when it was brought in for inspection  
17 expires at midnight on the last day of the twelfth month for a twelve-month inspection  
18 and on the last day of the twenty-fourth month for a twenty-four month inspection after  
19 the month the inspection sticker is put on the vehicle. An inspection sticker put on a  
20 vehicle that had an inspection sticker that was put on under this Part when it was brought  
21 in for inspection expires as follows:

22 (1) If the expiration date of the inspection sticker the vehicle had when it  
23 was brought in for inspection is less than 12 full months from the date  
24 of the inspection, the inspection sticker expires at midnight on the last  
25 day of the twelfth month for a twelve-month inspection and on the last  
26 day of the twenty-fourth month for a twenty-four month inspection after  
27 the month the inspection sticker is put on the vehicle.

28 (2) If the expiration date of the inspection sticker the vehicle had when it  
29 was brought in for inspection is 12 or more months from the date of the  
30 inspection, the inspection sticker expires one year after the expiration  
31 date of the inspection sticker the vehicle had when it was brought in for  
32 inspection ~~regardless of whether there are 12 months in this period.~~ for a  
33 twelve-month inspection and two years after the expiration date of the  
34 inspection sticker the vehicle had when it was brought in for inspection  
35 for a twenty-four month inspection."

36 Section 6. G.S. 20-183.7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

37 "(f) The fees contained in subsection (a) for "Safety Only, Without After-Factory  
38 Tinted Window"and for "Safety Only, With After-Factory Tinted Window"are annual  
39 fees. For two-year inspections, which may be elected by the person offering the vehicle  
40 for inspection, those fees shall be doubled, and there shall be an additional "Two-Year  
41 Inspection Fee"of ten dollars (\$10.00) which shall be deposited in the Highway Fund as  
42 nontax revenue."

43 Section 7. G.S. 20-63(h) reads as rewritten:

1       "(h) Commission Contracts for Issuance of Plates and Certificates. – All  
2 registration plates, registration certificates and certificates of title issued by the Division,  
3 outside of those issued from the Raleigh offices of the said Division and those issued and  
4 handled through the United States mail, shall be issued insofar as practicable and possible  
5 through commission contracts entered into by the Division for the issuance of such plates  
6 and certificates in localities throughout North Carolina with persons, firms, corporations  
7 or governmental subdivisions of the State of North Carolina and the Division shall make  
8 a reasonable effort in every locality, except as hereinbefore noted, to enter into a  
9 commission contract for the issuance of such plates and certificates and a record of these  
10 efforts shall be maintained in the Division. In the event the Division is unsuccessful in  
11 making commission contracts as hereinbefore set out it shall then issue said plates and  
12 certificates through the regular employees of the Division. Whenever registration plates,  
13 registration certificates and certificates of title are issued by the Division through  
14 commission contract arrangements, the Division shall provide proper supervision of such  
15 distribution. Commission contracts entered under this subsection shall provide for the  
16 payment of compensation for all transactions as set forth below. Nothing contained in this  
17 subsection will allow or permit the operation of fewer outlets in any county in this State  
18 than are now being operated.

19       A transaction is any of the following activities:

- 20           (1) Issuance of a registration plate, a registration card, a registration  
21           renewal sticker, or a certificate of title.
- 22           (2) Issuance of a handicapped placard or handicapped identification card.
- 23           (3) Acceptance of an application for a personalized registration plate.
- 24           (4) Acceptance of a surrendered registration plate, registration card, or  
25           registration renewal sticker, or acceptance of an affidavit stating why a  
26           person cannot surrender a registration plate, registration card, or  
27           registration renewal sticker.
- 28           (5) Cancellation of a title because the vehicle has been junked.
- 29           (6) Acceptance of an application for, or issuance of, a refund for a fee or a  
30           tax, other than the highway use tax.
- 31           (7) Receipt of the civil penalty imposed by G.S. 20-309 for a lapse in  
32           financial responsibility or receipt of the restoration fee imposed by that  
33           statute.
- 34           (8) Acceptance of a notice of failure to maintain financial responsibility for  
35           a motor vehicle.
- 36           (8a) Collection of civil penalties imposed for violations of G.S. 20-183.8A.
- 37           (8b) Sale of one or more inspection stickers in a single transaction to a  
38           licensed inspection station.
- 39           (9) Collection of the highway use tax.

40       Performance at the same time of any combination of the items that are listed within  
41 each subdivision or are listed within subdivisions (1) through (8b) of this section is a  
42 single transaction for which a dollar and thirty-five cent (\$1.35) compensation shall be  
43 paid. Performance of the item listed in subdivision (9) of this subsection in combination

1 with any other items listed in this subsection is a separate transaction for which a one  
2 dollar and twenty cent (\$1.20) compensation shall be paid.

3 Issuance of a two-year registration plate or sticker is a transaction for which a two  
4 dollar and seventy cent (\$2.70) compensation shall be paid."

5 Section 8. This act is effective when it becomes law and Sections 2 through 6  
6 become effective January 1, 2001.