

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 20\***

Short Title: Contract Agent Rate.

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Sponsors: Representatives Sutton; and Barbee.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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January 31, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION TO  
3 STUDY COMMISSION CONTRACTS FOR ISSUANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE  
4 REGISTRATION PLATES AND CERTIFICATES TO INCREASE THE RATE  
5 PAID PER TRANSACTION TO COMMISSION CONTRACT AGENTS FOR  
6 THE ISSUANCE OF PLATES AND CERTIFICATES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(h) reads as rewritten:

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

27 A transaction is any of the following activities:

- 1 (1) Issuance of a registration plate, a registration card, a registration  
2 renewal sticker, or a certificate of title.
- 3 (2) Issuance of a handicapped placard or handicapped identification card.
- 4 (3) Acceptance of an application for a personalized registration plate.
- 5 (4) Acceptance of a surrendered registration plate, registration card, or  
6 registration renewal sticker, or acceptance of an affidavit stating why a  
7 person cannot surrender a registration plate, registration card, or  
8 registration renewal sticker.
- 9 (5) Cancellation of a title because the vehicle has been junked.
- 10 (6) Acceptance of an application for, or issuance of, a refund for a fee or a  
11 tax, other than the highway use tax.
- 12 (7) Receipt of the civil penalty imposed by G.S. 20-309 for a lapse in  
13 financial responsibility or receipt of the restoration fee imposed by that  
14 statute.
- 15 (8) Acceptance of a notice of failure to maintain financial responsibility  
16 for a motor vehicle.
- 17 (8a) Collection of civil penalties imposed for violations of G.S. 20-183.8A.
- 18 (8b) Sale of one or more inspection stickers in a single transaction to a  
19 licensed inspection station.
- 20 (9) Collection of the highway use tax.
- 21 (10) Acceptance of a temporary lien filing.

22 Performance at the same time of any combination of the items that are listed within  
23 each subdivision or are listed within subdivisions (1) through (8b) of this section is a  
24 single transaction for which ~~a dollar and thirty five cent (\$1.35)~~ [NOTE: the  
25 Commission recommends \$1.42 to \$1.46] compensation shall be paid. Performance of  
26 the item listed in subdivision (9) of this subsection in combination with any other items  
27 listed in this subsection is a separate transaction for which a ~~one dollar and twenty cent~~  
28 ~~(\$1.20)~~ [NOTE: the Commission recommends \$1.26 to \$1.30] compensation shall be  
29 paid."

30 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.