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HOUSE BILL 99

Short Title: Forestry Special Plate Background.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Gibson.

Referred to: Transportation.

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1 `A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE
3 "FIRST IN FORESTRY" PLATES WITH A SPECIAL BACKGROUND.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number
7 assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina,
8 which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of
9 expiration. A plate issued for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), and
10 weighing 26,001 pounds or more, must bear the word "commercial," unless the plate is
11 a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4 or the commercial vehicle is a
12 trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less. The plate issued for vehicles licensed for
13 7,000 pounds through 26,000 pounds must bear the word "weighted".

14 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a registration plate issued by the
15 Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a private hauler vehicle licensed for
16 6,000 pounds or less shall be a "First in Flight" plate. A "First in Flight" plate shall have
17 the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and
18 numerals. The background of the plate shall depict the Wright Brothers biplane flying
19 over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly upward and to the right. The
20 following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate. The
21 design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates must be approved by the Division
22 and the State Highway Patrol for clarity and ease of identification.

- 23 (1) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
24 (2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
25 (3) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.
26 (4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail.
27 (5) NC Coastal Federation.
28 (6) In God We Trust.
29 (7) Stock Car Racing Theme.

- 1 (8) First in Forestry."
2 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.