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HOUSE BILL 333

Short Title: LRP Plates/Fine Collection. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jones, D. Hall, and Saine (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 13, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A LIMITED REGISTRATION PLATE
3 NOTWITHSTANDING CIVIL PENALTIES, FEES, TOLLS, AND OBLIGATIONS
4 OWED.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-50.4(b) reads as rewritten:

7 "(b) Delinquent Child Support Obligations. – Upon receiving a report from a child support
8 enforcement agency that sanctions pursuant to G.S. 110-142.2(a)(3) have been imposed, the
9 Division shall refuse to register a vehicle for the owner named in the report until the Division
10 receives certification pursuant to G.S. 110-142.2 that the payments are no longer considered
11 delinquent. Notwithstanding this subsection, a dealer licensed under Article 12 of this Chapter
12 may on behalf of a person purchasing a vehicle obtain a limited registration plate pursuant to
13 G.S. 20-79.1A."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-54 reads as rewritten:

15 "**§ 20-54. Authority for refusing registration or certificate of title.**

16 The Division shall refuse registration or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of
17 registration upon any of the following grounds:

18 ...

19 (6) The vehicle is not in compliance with the inspection requirements of Part 2 of
20 Article 3A of this Chapter or a civil penalty assessed as a result of the failure
21 of the vehicle to comply with that Part has not been paid. Notwithstanding this
22 subdivision, a dealer licensed under Article 12 of this Chapter may on behalf
23 of a person purchasing a vehicle obtain a limited registration plate pursuant to
24 G.S. 20-79.1A.

25 ...

26 (10) The North Carolina Turnpike Authority has notified the Division that the
27 owner of the vehicle has not paid the amount of tolls, fees, and civil penalties
28 the owner owes the Authority for use of a Turnpike project. Notwithstanding
29 this subdivision, a dealer licensed under Article 12 of this Chapter may on
30 behalf of a person purchasing a vehicle obtain a limited registration plate
31 pursuant to G.S. 20-79.1A.

32 (11) The Division has been notified (i) pursuant to G.S. 20-217(g2) that the owner
33 of the vehicle has failed to pay any fine imposed pursuant to G.S. 20-217 or
34 (ii) pursuant to G.S. 153A-246(b)(14) that the owner of the vehicle has failed
35 to pay a civil penalty due under G.S. 153A-246. Notwithstanding this



1 subdivision, a dealer licensed under Article 12 of this Chapter may on behalf
2 of a person purchasing a vehicle obtain a limited registration plate pursuant to
3 G.S. 20-79.1A.

4 (12) The owner of the vehicle has failed to pay any penalty or fee imposed pursuant
5 to G.S. 20-311. Notwithstanding this subdivision, a dealer licensed under
6 Article 12 of this Chapter may on behalf of a person purchasing a vehicle
7 obtain a limited registration plate pursuant to G.S. 20-79.1A.

8 (13) The Division has been notified by the State Highway Patrol that the owner of
9 the vehicle has failed to pay any civil penalty and fees imposed by the State
10 Highway Patrol for a violation of Part 9 of Article 3 of this Chapter.
11 Notwithstanding this subdivision, a dealer licensed under Article 12 of this
12 Chapter may on behalf of a person purchasing a vehicle obtain a limited
13 registration plate pursuant to G.S. 20-79.1A."

14 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-79.1A(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

15 "(a) Eligibility. – A limited registration plate is issuable to any of the following:

16 (1) A person who applies, either directly or through a dealer licensed under
17 Article 12 of this Chapter, for a title to a motor vehicle and a registration plate
18 for the vehicle and who submits payment for the applicable title and
19 registration fees but does not submit payment for any municipal corporation
20 property taxes on the vehicle. A person who submits payment for municipal
21 corporation property taxes receives an annual registration plate. A dealer shall
22 notify the person purchasing a vehicle of any outstanding civil penalties, fees,
23 tolls, and obligations owed before the dealer applies for a title to a motor
24 vehicle and a registration plate for the vehicle under this section."

25 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.