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**SENATE BILL 603**

Short Title: Clarify Issuance of Plates/Certificates Law.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rabon, Harrington (Primary Sponsors); and Meredith.

Referred to: Transportation.

April 4, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT REGISTRATION PLATES, REGISTRATION  
2 CERTIFICATES, AND CERTIFICATES OF TITLES CAN BE ISSUED DIRECTLY BY  
3 THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OFFICES LOCATED IN THE COUNTIES OF  
4 WAKE, CUMBERLAND, AND MECKLENBURG.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 "(h) Commission Contracts for Issuance of Plates and Certificates. – All registration  
9 plates, registration certificates, and certificates of title issued by the Division, outside of those  
10 issued from the ~~Charlotte, Fort Bragg and Raleigh offices~~office of the Division located in  
11 Wake, Cumberland, or Mecklenburg Counties and those issued and handled through the United  
12 States mail, shall be issued insofar as practicable and possible through commission contracts  
13 entered into by the Division for the issuance of the plates and certificates in localities  
14 throughout North Carolina, including military installations within this State, with persons,  
15 firms, corporations or governmental subdivisions of the State of North Carolina. The Division  
16 shall make a reasonable effort in every locality, except as noted above, to enter into a  
17 commission contract for the issuance of the plates and certificates and a record of these efforts  
18 shall be maintained in the Division. In the event the Division is unsuccessful in making  
19 commission contracts, it shall issue the plates and certificates through the regular employees of  
20 the Division. Whenever registration plates, registration certificates, and certificates of title are  
21 issued by the Division through commission contract arrangements, the Division shall provide  
22 proper supervision of the distribution. Nothing contained in this subsection will allow or permit  
23 the operation of fewer outlets in any county in this State than are now being operated.

24 Commission contracts entered into by the Division under this subsection shall provide for  
25 the payment of compensation on a per transaction basis. The collection of the highway use tax  
26 shall be considered a separate transaction for which one dollar and twenty-seven cents (\$1.27)  
27 compensation shall be paid. The performance at the same time of one or more of the remaining  
28 transactions listed in this subsection shall be considered a single transaction for which one  
29 dollar and forty-three cents (\$1.43) compensation shall be paid.

30 A transaction is any of the following activities:

- 31 (1) Issuance of a registration plate, a registration card issued without collection  
32 of property taxes or fees under G.S. 105-330.5, a registration renewal  
33 sticker, or a certificate of title.  
34 (2) Issuance of a handicapped placard or handicapped identification card.  
35 (3) Acceptance of an application for a personalized registration plate.



- 1           (4)    Acceptance of a surrendered registration plate, registration card, or  
2           registration renewal sticker, or acceptance of an affidavit stating why a  
3           person cannot surrender a registration plate, registration card, or registration  
4           renewal sticker.  
5           (5)    Cancellation of a title because the vehicle has been junked.  
6           (6)    Acceptance of an application for, or issuance of, a refund for a fee or a tax,  
7           other than the highway use tax.  
8           (7)    Receipt of the civil penalty imposed by G.S. 20-311 for a lapse in financial  
9           responsibility or receipt of the restoration fee imposed by that statute.  
10          (8)    Acceptance of a notice of failure to maintain financial responsibility for a  
11          motor vehicle.  
12          (8a)   Collection of civil penalties imposed for violations of G.S. 20-183.8A.  
13          (8b)   Sale of one or more inspection stickers in a single transaction to a licensed  
14          inspection station.  
15          (9)    Collection of the highway use tax.  
16          (10)   Acceptance of a temporary lien filing."

17       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.