



## The Daily Bulletin: 2017-01-31

### PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 27 (2017-2018) [CLARIFY EXPIRATION OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION](#). Filed Jan 31 2017, *AN ACT TO CLARIFY WHEN THE REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE RENEWED BY MEANS OF A NEW REGISTRATION PLATE EXPIRES*.

Amends GS 20-66(g1), which sets out the expiration of a vehicle's registration by means other than the expiration of the registration renewal sticker, to clarify that the registration of a vehicle renewed by a new registration plate is valid through midnight February 15 of each year (previously, expires at midnight on February 15 of each year).

**Intro. by Clampitt, Grange, Strickland, White.**

GS 20

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**Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation**

H 28 (2017-2018) [DOT/ACCESS OF MOTORCYCLISTS](#). Filed Jan 31 2017, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FROM TAKING CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH THE PURPOSE OF RESTRICTING THE ACCESS OF MOTORCYCLISTS TO HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, TUNNELS, AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES*.

Enacts new GS 136-18.06, *Restricting access of motorcyclists prohibited*, providing that the Department of Transportation (DOT) may not take any action that prohibits or imposes a requirement that applies only to a motorcyclist when the principal purpose of the action is to restrict or inhibit access of a motorcyclist to any highway, bridge, tunnel, or other transportation facility. Further requires DOT to make reasonable accommodations for motorcycle parking at transportation facilities. Parking accommodation requirement also applies to any other owner or operator of a transportation facility funded in whole or in part by State or local funds. Specifies the meaning of reasonable accommodation. Provides that the section does not require structural or technological modifications in parking structures constructed or substantially completed on or before July 1, 2016. Also provides that the section does not alter or supersede any State or federal law that prohibits or imposes a requirement only for motorcyclists.

Effective July 1, 2017.

**Intro. by Torbett.**

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**Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation, Transportation**

H 29 (2017-2018) [RECORD OF EXCUSALS FROM JURY DUTY](#). Filed Jan 31 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED FROM JURY DUTY BASED ON DISQUALIFICATION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO YEARS*.

Enacts GS 9-6.2 to require the clerk of superior court to keep a record of the name, address, and reason for the excusal request of every person excused from jury duty based on disqualification(s) under GS 9-3 (qualifications of prospective jurors). Records must be maintained for no less than two years from the date of excusal. Provides that these records are not public records under GS 132-1.

Additionally, if a person is excused from jury duty for a reason related to qualifications to vote as set forth in GS 163-55, the clerk must provide to the State Board of Elections with a record of the person's name, address, reason for excusal, and the date of

excusal. Authorizes use of this information by elections officials for maintenance of the list of eligible voters pursuant to GS 163-82.14. Provides that these records are public records under GS 132-1.

Makes a conforming change to GS 9-6(e) to require the clerk of superior court to keep a record of excuses separate from the master jury list in accordance with GS 9-6.2, as enacted by this act.

Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts to amend the Rules of Recordkeeping to include procedures necessary to implement the new law.

Effective January 1, 2018.

**Intro. by Cleveland.**

GS 9

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**Courts/Judiciary, Court System, Government, Public Records and Open Meetings, State Agencies, Department of Justice**

H 30 (2017-2018) [COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS LICENSE PLATE](#). Filed Jan 31 2017, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE*.

Amends GS 20-63 to add plates recognizing Colorectal Cancer Awareness to the list of special registration plates that may be issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Amends GS 20-79.4 to specify that the plates may be issued to any registered owner of a motor vehicle. Describes what the special plates will look like.

Amends GS 20-79.7(a1) to establish a special plate fee of \$30, specifying that \$10 of the fee goes to the Special Registration Plate Account and \$20 goes to the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA).

Enacts new GS 20-81.12(b155) to require a minimum of 300 applications for the special plates before they may be developed. Requires revenue generated from these plates to be transferred quarterly from the CCAPA to the Colon Cancer Coalition to promote prevention and early detection of colorectal cancer.

Effective July 1, 2017.

**Intro. by Brawley, Dulin, Torbett, Grange.**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies, Department of Transportation**

## PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 21 (2017-2018) [DL RESTORATION/DWI TREATMENT COURT](#). Filed Jan 31 2017, *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO CONDITIONALLY RESTORE THE DRIVERS LICENSES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A DRUG TREATMENT OR DWI TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM*.

Amends GS 20-19, which contains provisions relating to the suspension, revocation and restoration of drivers licenses, by adding a new subsection to provide for the conditional restoration of a license following revocation for an impaired driving offense. Allows the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to conditionally restore a person's license after one year of revocation for an impaired driving offense, sentenced under GS 20-179, if the person meets three conditions. The person must provide the DMV (1) a certificate of graduation from a Drug Treatment or Driving While Impaired Treatment Court Program, (2) a letter of recommendation from the presiding judge of the Drug Treatment or DWI Treatment Court, and (3) a fee of \$25, in addition to other applicable fees. Requires the DMV to deposit the \$25 fee in the Highway Fund.

Directs the DMV to place three specific restrictions and requirements on a person's license restored under this subsection for the duration of the original revocation period: (1) a requirement that all vehicles registered to that person be equipped with a functioning ignition interlock system, (2) a restriction that the person may only operate a vehicle equipped with a functioning ignition interlock system that is set to prohibit driving with an alcohol concentration of greater than 0.00, and (3) a requirement that the person personally activate the ignition interlock system before driving the vehicle. Allows the DMV to place other reasonable restrictions, requirements, and conditions on the person for the duration of the original revocation period.

Effective December 1, 2017.

**Intro. by J. Davis, Van Duyn.**

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**Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Government, State Agencies,  
Department of Transportation**

S 22 (2017-2018) [STUDY UNFUNDED LIABILITY/RETIREE HEALTH FUND](#). Filed Jan 31 2017, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A JOINT COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY OF THE RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT FUND, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM EVALUATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.*

Identical to [H 24](#) filed on 1/26/17.

Creates the Joint Legislative Committee on the Unfunded Liability of the Retiree Health and Benefit Fund (the Committee). Sets out the membership of the Committee to be 13 total members, with five each appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, with the State Treasurer and the Executive Administrator of the State Health Plan, or their designees, and a representative of the Board of Trustees of the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees selected by the Board, serving as ex officio nonvoting members. Provides that cochairs are to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker from the Committee's membership.

Provides additional requirements regarding the setting of meetings, staffing, and the general operation of the Task Force.

Directs the Committee to examine seven specified options for reducing the unfunded liability of the Retiree Health Benefit Fund (Fund), including increasing the Fund's assets through appropriation by the General Assembly, increasing the costs of retiree benefits borne by the federal government, transitioning the retiree benefit to a defined contribution model, reducing the number of those eligible for the benefit by increasing the service time requirements for the benefit or eliminating certain groups, requiring employees to contribute to the Fund, and increasing the amount that retirees pay for their health benefits by increasing premiums or out-of-pocket costs.

Requires the Committee to issue a final report of its findings and recommendations to the 2018 General Assembly. Requires the Commission to terminate upon the filing of its final report or upon the convening of the 2018 General Assembly, whichever occurs first.

**Intro. by Krawiec, Edwards.**

STUDY

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**Employment and Retirement, Government, State  
Government, State Personnel, Health and Human Services,  
Health, Health Insurance**

## LOCAL/SENATE BILLS

S 18 (2017-2018) [10TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT](#). Filed Jan 31 2017, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 10TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.*

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**Intro. by B. Jackson.**

[Duplin, Johnston, Sampson](#)

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S 19 (2017-2018) [EVEN YR MUNICIPAL ELECTION/TOWNS OF TROY/STAR](#). Filed Jan 31 2017, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN BOTH THE TOWN OF TROY AND THE TOWN OF STAR SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.*

Identical to [H 8](#), filed 1/25/17.

Amends Section 1 of SL 1957-125 to provide that, beginning in 2018, Town Council municipal elections for the Town of Troy must be held in even-numbered years. Provides that the mayor whose term expires in 2017 must continue to serve until 2018, and thereafter, the mayor is to be elected for a term of two years. Replaces the existing provisions concerning the election of commissioners, and instead provides that in 2017, three commissioners are to be elected for five-year terms, and the two commissioners whose terms expire in 2019 are to continue to serve until 2020. Provides that in 2020 and quadrennially thereafter, two commissioners are to be elected to serve four-year terms, and in 2022 and quadrennially thereafter, three commissioners are to be elected to serve four-year terms. Makes technical changes.

Amends Section 1 of SL 1957-448 to provide that, beginning in 2018, Town Council municipal elections for the Town of Star must be held in even-numbered years. Makes changes identical to the changes made to Section 1 of SL 1957-125, relating to the election and terms of the mayor and commissioners. Makes technical changes.

**Intro. by Dunn.**

[Montgomery](#)

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S 20 (2017-2018) [36TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT LOCAL ACT](#). Filed Jan 31 2017, *AN ACT RELATING TO THE 36TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.*

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**Intro. by Newton.**

[Cabarrus, Union](#)

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*Senate: Filed*

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*Senate: Filed*

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