

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 298**

Short Title: Military Wartime Veteran Special Plate Change. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hunt; Allran, Atwater, Blake, Clary, East, Forrester, Jacumin, Queen, Rouzer, Rucho, and Tillman.

Referred to: Finance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE ALL  
3 MILITARY WARTIME VETERAN SPECIAL PLATES BASED ON DEFINED  
4 PERIODS OF WAR.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-79.4(b)(76) reads as rewritten:

7 "(76) Military Wartime Veteran. – Issuable to either a member or veteran of the  
8 armed services of the United States who served during a period of war. If the  
9 person is a veteran of the armed services, then the veteran must be separated  
10 from the armed services under honorable conditions. The plate shall bear a  
11 word or phrase identifying the period of war and a replica of the campaign  
12 badge or medal awarded for that war. ~~Except for World War II and Korean~~  
13 ~~Conflict plates, the~~The Division may not issue a ~~the~~ plate authorized by this  
14 subdivision unless it receives at least a total of 300 applications for that all  
15 periods of war, combined, to be represented on this plate. A "period of war"  
16 is any of the following:

- 17 a. World War I, meaning the period beginning April 16, 1917, and  
18 ending November 11, 1918.
- 19 b. World War II, meaning the period beginning December 7, 1941, and  
20 ending December 31, 1946.
- 21 c. The Korean Conflict, meaning the period beginning June 27, 1950,  
22 and ending January 31, 1955.
- 23 d. The Vietnam Era, meaning the period beginning August 5, 1964, and  
24 ending May 7, 1975.
- 25 e. Desert Storm, meaning the period beginning August 2, 1990, and  
26 ending April 11, 1991.
- 27 f. Operation Enduring Freedom, meaning the period beginning October  
28 24, 2001, and ending at a date to be determined.
- 29 g. Operation Iraqi Freedom, meaning the period beginning March 19,  
30 2003, and ending at a date to be determined.
- 31 h. Any other campaign, expedition, or engagement for which the United  
32 States Department of Defense authorizes a campaign badge or  
33 medal."

34 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

