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Summary: Catawba Nation Special License Plate

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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3/20/2024 House Committee report: Favorable **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 10](h:\hj\20240320.docx))

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O'Neal, Felder, King

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Committee Report

March 20, 2024

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Introduced by Reps. Ligon, B. Newton, Sessions, Neese and Pope

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The committee on House Education and Public Works

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 5244) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding Section 56‑3‑16000 so as to provide the Department of Motor Vehicles may issue “Catawba Nation” special license, etc., respectfully

Report:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass:

SHANNON ERICKSON for Committee.

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56‑3‑16000 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE “CATAWBA NATION” SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 150

Catawba Nation Special License Plates

Section 56‑3‑16000. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue “Catawba Nation” special license plates. Each special license plate must be issued or revalidated for a biennial period that expires twenty‑four months from the month the special license plate is issued.

(B) The Catawba Nation shall submit to the department for approval the design, emblem, seal, logo, or other symbols it desires to be used for this special license plate. The department may issue this special license plate six months following approval of its design.

(C) This special license plate is exempt from the provisions contained in Section 56-3-8100.

(D) The biennial fee for each special license plate is forty dollars plus the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 56. The forty‑dollar fee must be distributed to the Catawba Nation.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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