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GOVERNOR

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The Honorable James H. Lucas
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House, Second Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval R-272, H. 4973, which principally pertains to special motor vehicle license plates for former members of the General Assembly.

At a time when the General Assembly should be focused on the pressing issues facing South Carolina, expanding the number of former elected officials who can receive specialty license plates is indicative of misplaced priorities. Time is precious, and this bill reflects a waste of it. My aim with this veto is not to disregard or diminish the contributions of former public officials. Rather, in a system which contemplates citizen legislators, I question the need for legislative license plates of any kind. If one serves well in office, his or her own sense of accomplishment and the gratitude of the people will endure without the assistance of words on a license plate. Accordingly, I must veto this legislation.

For the foregoing reasons, I am respectfully vetoing R-272, H. 4973 and returning the same without my signature.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Henry McMaster".

Henry McMaster