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The Honorable David Wilkins
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Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval H. 3503, R-146.

Certainly, we appreciate the citizens willing to offer their time to serve on boards and commissions in South Carolina. Current state law already allows those individuals serving on a state board or commission the honor of a designated tag.

However, this legislation now extends that privilege to those serving on a federal board or commission. While their service is certainly appreciated, this proposal, in my view, goes beyond the scope of state government's role in issuing license plates.

Current law allows for a variety of tags to be issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Prior to the start of this past legislative session, DMV was responsible for the issuance of 312 different types of license plates, including plates for members of South Carolina boards and commissions. We should avoid creating yet another class of recipient for specialized tags from the DMV, and this legislation would be precedent setting on that front.

For these reasons, I am vetoing H. 3503, R-146 and returning it to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MS", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Sanford