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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEMS OF EASTERN CAROLINA SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES AND TO MODIFY THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Types. – The Division shall issue the following types of special registration plates:

...

(48a) University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase or insignia representing the University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina.

..."

Section 2. G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge one registration plate to a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, a 100% disabled

1 veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration plates are subject to the
2 regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee
3 in the following amount:

| <u>Special Plate</u> | <u>Additional Fee Amount</u> |
|--|------------------------------|
| 4 Historical Attraction | \$30.00 |
| 5 State Attraction | \$30.00 |
| 6 Collegiate Insignia | \$25.00 |
| 7 Olympic Games | \$25.00 |
| 8 Special Olympics | \$25.00 |
| 9 <u>University Health Systems of</u> | |
| 10 <u>Eastern Carolina</u> | <u>\$25.00</u> |
| 11 March of Dimes | \$20.00 |
| 12 Scenic Rivers | \$20.00 |
| 13 School Technology | \$20.00 |
| 14 Soil and Water Conservation | \$20.00 |
| 15 Wildlife Resources | \$20.00 |
| 16 Personalized | \$20.00 |
| 17 Active Member of the National Guard | None |
| 18 Purple Heart Recipient | None |
| 19 All Other Special Plates | \$10.00." |

20 Section 3. G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

21 "(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the
22 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway
23 Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration
24 plates listed in subsection (a) among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the
25 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), and the Natural Heritage
26 Trust Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, as follows:

| <u>Special Plate</u> | <u>SRPA</u> | <u>CCAPA</u> | <u>NHTF</u> |
|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 28 Historical Attraction | \$10 | \$20 | 0 |
| 29 In-State Collegiate Insignia | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 30 Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia | \$10 | 0 | \$15 |
| 31 Personalized | \$10 | 0 | \$10 |
| 32 Special Olympics | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 33 Olympic Games | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 34 State Attraction | \$10 | \$20 | 0 |
| 35 March of Dimes | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 36 Scenic Rivers | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 37 School Technology | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 38 Soil and Water Conservation | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 39 <u>University Health Systems of</u> | | | |
| 40 <u>Eastern Carolina</u> | <u>\$10</u> | <u>\$15</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 41 Wildlife Resources | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 42 All other Special Plates | \$10 | 0 | 0." |

1 Section 4. G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

2 "(b10) University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina. – The Division must
3 receive 300 or more applications for a University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina
4 plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money
5 in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of
6 University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina plates to the Pitt Memorial Hospital
7 Foundation, Inc., for use in the Children's Hospital of Eastern North Carolina."

8 Section 5. G.S. 20-79.6 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 20-79.6. Special registration plates for members of the judiciary.**

10 (a) ~~Appellate Division, Supreme Court.~~ – A special plate issued to a Justice or
11 Judge of the North Carolina Appellate Courts shall bear the letter "J" followed by a
12 number from 1 through 19. ~~of the North Carolina Supreme Court shall bear the words~~
13 'Supreme Court' and the Great Seal of North Carolina and a number from 1 through 7.
14 The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina shall be issued the plate
15 bearing the number 1 and the remaining plates shall be issued to the Associate Justices on
16 the basis of seniority.

17 Special plates issued to retired members of the Supreme Court shall bear a number
18 indicating the member's position of seniority at the time of retirement followed by the
19 letter 'X' to indicate the member's retired status.

20 (a1) Court of Appeals. – A special plate issued to a Judge of the North Carolina
21 Court of Appeals shall bear the words 'Court of Appeals' and the Great Seal of North
22 Carolina and a number beginning with the number 1. The Chief Judge of the North
23 Carolina Court of Appeals shall be issued ~~the next judicial plate~~ a plate with the number 1
24 and the remaining plates shall be issued to the Associate Judges with the numbers
25 assigned on the basis of seniority.

26 Special plates issued to retired members of the ~~Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals~~
27 shall bear a number indicating the member's position of seniority at the time of retirement
28 followed by the letter 'X' to indicate the member's retired status.

29 (b) Superior Court. – A special plate issued to a resident superior court judge shall
30 bear the letter 'J' followed by a number indicative of the judicial district the judge serves.
31 The number issued to the senior resident superior court judge shall be ~~equal to the sum of~~
32 ~~the numerical designation of the judge's judicial district, as defined in G.S. 7A-41.1(a)(1),~~
33 ~~plus 20.~~ G.S. 7A-41.1(a)(1). If a district has more than one regular resident superior
34 court judge, a special plate for a resident superior court judge of that district shall bear the
35 number issued to the senior resident superior court judge followed by a hyphen and a
36 letter of the alphabet beginning with the letter 'A' to indicate the judge's seniority.

37 For a set of districts as defined in G.S. 7A-41.1(a)(2), other than ~~7A and 7C,~~ districts
38 where there are two or more resident superior court judges, the number issued to the
39 senior resident superior court judge shall be ~~equal to the sum of 20 plus the number the~~
40 ~~districts in the set have in common.~~ A special plate issued to the other regular resident
41 superior court judges of the set of districts shall bear the number issued to the senior
42 resident superior court judge followed by a hyphen and a letter of the alphabet beginning
43 with the letter 'A' to indicate the judge's seniority among all of the regular resident

1 superior court judges of the set of districts. The letter assigned to a resident superior
2 court judge will not necessarily correspond with the letter designation of the district the
3 judge serves. ~~For the set of districts 7B and 7C, the senior resident superior court judge for that~~
4 ~~set shall be issued a special plate bearing the designation 27C following the letter "J", and all~~
5 ~~other resident superior court judges of the set shall be issued a special plate bearing that~~
6 ~~designation followed by the letter "B".~~

7 Where there are two or more regular resident superior court judges for the district or
8 set of districts, the registration plate with the letter 'A' shall be issued to the judge who,
9 from among all the regular resident superior court judges of the district or set of districts,
10 has the most continuous service as a regular resident superior court judge; provided if two
11 or more judges are of equal service, the oldest of those judges shall receive the next letter
12 registration plate. Thereafter, registration plates shall be issued based on seniority within
13 the district or set of districts.

14 A special judge, emergency judge, or retired judge of the superior court shall be
15 issued a special plate bearing the letter 'J' followed by a number designated by the
16 Administrative Office of the Courts with the approval of the Chief Justice of the Supreme
17 Court of North Carolina. The plate for a retired judge shall have the letter 'X' after the
18 designated number to indicate the judge's retired status.

19 (c) District Court. – A special plate issued to a North Carolina district court judge
20 shall bear the letter 'J' followed by a number. For the chief judge of the district court
21 district, the number shall be equal to the sum of the numerical designation of the district
22 court district the chief judge serves, plus 100. The number for all other judges of the
23 district courts serving within the same district court district shall be the same number as
24 appears on the special plate issued to the chief district judge followed by a letter of the
25 alphabet beginning with the letter 'A' to indicate the judge's seniority. A retired district
26 court judge shall be issued a similar plate except that the numerical designation shall be
27 followed by the letter 'X' to indicate the judge's retired status.

28 (d) United States. – A special plate issued to a Justice of the United States
29 Supreme Court, a Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, or a District Judge
30 of the United States District Court residing in North Carolina shall bear the words 'U.S. J'
31 followed by a number beginning with '1'. The number shall reflect the judge's seniority
32 based on continuous service as a United States Judge as designated by the Secretary of
33 State. A judge who has retired or taken senior status shall be issued a similar plate except
34 that the number shall be based on the date of the judge's retirement or assumption of
35 senior status and shall follow the numerical designation of active justices and judges."

36 Section 6. This act is effective when it becomes law.