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Short Title: Special Registration Plate Fees. (Public)

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Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-79.7 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-79.7. Fees for special registration plates and distribution of the fees.

(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 veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. ~~All other special registration plates, including~~ The Division shall provide additional Congressional Medal of Honor, 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of War plates, are subject to and National Guard Member, Legion of Valor, Purple Heart Recipient, and Silver Star Recipient special registration plates upon the payment of the regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88. ~~G.S. 20-88. All other special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration vehicle fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).~~ in the following amount:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
Historical Attraction	\$30.00
State Attraction	\$30.00
Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
Goodness Grows	\$25.00
Kids First	\$25.00
Olympic Games	\$25.00
NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
Special Olympics	\$25.00
The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
Animal Lovers	\$20.00

1	Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
2	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
3	Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
4	First in Forestry	\$20.00
5	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
6	March of Dimes	\$20.00
7	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
8	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00
9	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
10	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
11	School Technology	\$20.00
12	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
13	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
14	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
15	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
16	Personalized	\$20.00
17	Active Member of the National Guard	None
18	100% Disabled Veteran	None
19	Ex Prisoner of War	None
20	Legion of Valor	None
21	Purple Heart Recipient	None
22	Silver Star Recipient	None
23	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00.

24 (b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the
 25 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are is established within the Highway
 26 Fund. The Division ~~must~~ shall credit one-half of the additional fee imposed for the
 27 special registration plates listed in subsection (a) ~~among of this section to~~ the Special
 28 Registration Plate Account (SRPA), ~~the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate~~
 29 Account (CCAPA), and the Natural Heritage Trust Fund (NHTF), which is established
 30 under G.S. 113-77.7, as follows:

32	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>
33	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0
34	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0
35	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0
36	First in Forestry	\$10	0	\$10
37	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0
38	(Effective until June 30, 2006)			
39	Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0
40	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
41	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
42	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0
43	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0
44	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0

1	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0
2	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0
3	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0
4	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15
5	Personalized	\$10	0	\$10
6	(Effective until June 30, 2006)			
7	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$10	\$15	0
8	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0
9	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0
10	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0
11	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0
12	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0
13	Special Olympics	\$10	\$10	0
14	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
15	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0
16	The V Foundation for Cancer Research	\$10	\$15	0
17	University Health Systems of Eastern			
18	Carolina	\$10	\$15	0
19	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
20	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0.

21 and one-half of the fee shall be remitted quarterly to the State Treasurer to be divided
 22 equally for retirement benefits for state law enforcement officers administered in
 23 accordance with Article 12C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, separation
 24 allowances for law enforcement officers administered in accordance with Article 12D of
 25 Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, retirement benefits for local governmental law
 26 enforcement officers administered in accordance with Article 12E of Chapter 143 of the
 27 General Statutes, Separate Insurance Benefits Plan for State and local governmental law
 28 enforcement officers administered in accordance with Article 12F of Chapter 143 of the
 29 General Statutes, and the Sheriffs' Supplemental Pension Fund administered in
 30 accordance with Article 12H of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.

31 (c) Use of Funds in Special Registration Plate Account. –

32 (1) The Division shall deduct the costs of special registration plates,
 33 including the costs of issuing, handling, and advertising the availability
 34 of the special plates, from the Special Registration Plate Account.

35 (2) From the funds remaining in the Special Registration Plate Account
 36 after the deductions in accordance with subdivision (1) of this
 37 subsection, there is annually appropriated from the Special
 38 Registration Plate Account the sum of five hundred twenty-five
 39 thousand dollars (\$525,000) to provide operating assistance for the
 40 Visitor Centers:

- 41 a. on U.S. Highway 17 in Camden County, (\$75,000);
- 42 b. on U.S. Highway 17 in Brunswick County, (\$75,000);
- 43 c. on U.S. Highway 441 in Macon County, (\$75,000);
- 44 d. in the Town of Boone, Watauga County, (\$75,000);

- 1 e. on U.S. Highway 29 in Caswell County, (\$75,000);
2 f. on U.S. Highway 70 in Carteret County, (\$75,000); and
3 g. on U.S. Highway 64 in Tyrrell County, (\$75,000).
4 (3) The Division shall transfer the remaining revenue in the Account
5 quarterly as follows:
6 a. Thirty-three percent (33%) to the account of the Department of
7 Commerce to aid in financing out-of-state print and other media
8 advertising under the program for the promotion of travel and
9 industrial development in this State.
10 b. Fifty percent (50%) to the Department of Transportation to be
11 used solely for the purpose of beautification of highways other
12 than those designated as interstate. These funds shall be
13 administered by the Department of Transportation for
14 beautification purposes not inconsistent with good landscaping
15 and engineering principles.
16 c. Seventeen percent (17%) to the account of the Department of
17 Health and Human Services to promote travel accessibility for
18 disabled persons in this State. These funds shall be used to
19 collect and update site information on travel attractions
20 designated by the Department of Commerce in its publications,
21 to provide technical assistance to travel attractions concerning
22 accommodation of disabled tourists, and to develop, print, and
23 promote the publication ACCESS NORTH CAROLINA as
24 provided in G.S. 168-2. Any funds allocated for these purposes
25 that are neither spent nor obligated at the end of the fiscal year
26 shall be transferred to the Department of Administration for
27 removal of man-made barriers to disabled travelers at
28 State-funded travel attractions. Guidelines for the removal of
29 man-made barriers shall be developed in consultation with the
30 Department of Health and Human Services."

31 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-81.12 reads as rewritten:

32 **"§ 20-81.12. Collegiate insignia plates and certain other special plates.**

33 (a) Collegiate Insignia Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more
34 applications for a collegiate insignia license plate for a college or university before a
35 collegiate license plate may be developed. The color, design, and material for the plate
36 ~~must~~ shall be approved by both the Division and the alumni or alumnae association of
37 the appropriate college or university. ~~The Division must transfer quarterly the money in~~
38 ~~the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of in State~~
39 ~~collegiate insignia plates to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina~~
40 ~~for in State, public colleges and universities and to the respective board of trustees for~~
41 ~~in State, private colleges and universities in proportion to the number of collegiate~~
42 ~~plates sold representing that institution for use for academic enhancement.~~

43 (b) Historical Attraction Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more
44 applications for an historical attraction plate representing a publicly owned or nonprofit

1 historical attraction located in North Carolina and listed below before the plate may be
2 developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and
3 Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of historical attraction plates to
4 the organizations named below in proportion to the number of historical attraction plates
5 sold representing that organization:

6 (1) ~~Historical Attraction Within Historic District.~~—The revenue derived
7 from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the appropriate
8 Historic Preservation Commission, or entity designated as the Historic
9 Preservation Commission, and used to maintain property in the historic
10 district in which the attraction is located. As used in this subdivision,
11 the term "historic district" means a district created under G.S.
12 160A-400.4.

13 (2) ~~Nonprofit Historical Attraction.~~—The revenue derived from the
14 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the nonprofit corporation
15 that is responsible for maintaining the attraction for which the plate is
16 issued and used to develop and operate the attraction.

17 (3) ~~State Historic Site.~~—The revenue derived from the special plate shall
18 be transferred quarterly to the Department of Cultural Resources and
19 used to develop and operate the site for which the plate is issued. As
20 used in this subdivision, the term "State historic site" has the same
21 meaning as in G.S. 121-2(11).Carolina.

22 (b1) ~~Special Olympics Plates.~~ – The Division must receive 300 or more
23 applications for a special olympics plate before the plate may be developed. The
24 Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction
25 Plate Account derived from the sale of special olympics plates to the North Carolina
26 Special Olympics, Inc., to be used to train volunteers to assist in the statewide games
27 and to help pay the costs of the statewide games.

28 (b2) ~~State Attraction Plates.~~ – The Division must receive 300 or more applications
29 for a State attraction plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must
30 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account
31 derived from the sale of State attraction plates to the organizations named below in
32 proportion to the number of State attraction plates sold representing that organization:

33 (1) ~~Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.~~—The revenue
34 derived from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the
35 Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Inc., to be used
36 for educational materials, preservation programs, capital
37 improvements for the portion of the Great Smoky Mountains National
38 Park that is located in North Carolina, and operating expenses of the
39 Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

40 (1a) ~~The North Carolina Arboretum.~~—The revenue derived from the
41 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to The North Carolina
42 Arboretum Society and used to help the Society obtain grants for the
43 North Carolina Arboretum and for capital improvements to the North
44 Carolina Arboretum.

1 ~~(1b) The North Carolina Maritime Museum.— The revenue derived from~~
2 ~~the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to Friends of the~~
3 ~~Museum, North Carolina Maritime Museum, Inc., to be used for~~
4 ~~educational programs and conservation programs and for operating~~
5 ~~expenses of the North Carolina Maritime Museum.~~

6 ~~(2) The North Carolina Zoological Society.— The revenue derived from~~
7 ~~the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to The North Carolina~~
8 ~~Zoological Society, Incorporated, to be used for educational programs~~
9 ~~and conservation programs at the North Carolina Zoo at Asheboro and~~
10 ~~for operating expenses of the North Carolina Zoo at Asheboro.~~

11 ~~(b3) Wildlife Resources Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more~~
12 ~~applications for a wildlife resources plate with a picture representing a particular native~~
13 ~~wildlife species occurring in North Carolina before the plate may be developed. The~~
14 ~~Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction~~
15 ~~Plate Account derived from the sale of wildlife resources plates to the Wildlife~~
16 ~~Conservation Account established by G.S. 143-247.2.~~

17 ~~(b4) Olympic Games. – The Division may not issue an Olympic Games special~~
18 ~~plate unless it receives 300 or more applications for the plate and the U.S. Olympic~~
19 ~~Committee licenses, without charge, the State to develop a plate bearing the Olympic~~
20 ~~Games symbol and name. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the~~
21 ~~Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Olympic~~
22 ~~Games plates to the N.C. Health and Fitness Foundation, Inc., which will allocate the~~
23 ~~funds as follows:~~

24 ~~(1) Fifty percent (50%) to the U.S. Olympic Committee to assist in~~
25 ~~training olympic athletes.~~

26 ~~(2) Twenty five percent (25%) to North Carolina Amateur Sports to assist~~
27 ~~with administration of the State Games of North Carolina.~~

28 ~~(3) Twenty five percent (25%) to the Governor's Council on Physical~~
29 ~~Fitness and Health to support local fitness council development~~
30 ~~throughout North Carolina.~~

31 ~~(b5) March of Dimes Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications~~
32 ~~for a March of Dimes plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall~~
33 ~~transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account~~
34 ~~derived from the sale of March of Dimes plates to the Eastern Carolina Chapter of the~~
35 ~~March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. The Eastern Carolina Chapter shall disperse~~
36 ~~the revenue proportionately among the Eastern Carolina Chapter, the Western Carolina~~
37 ~~Chapter, the Greater Triad Chapter, and the Greater Piedmont Chapter of the March of~~
38 ~~Dimes Birth Defects Foundation based upon the population of the area each Chapter~~
39 ~~represents. The money must be used for the prevention of birth defects through local~~
40 ~~community services and educational programs and through research and development.~~

41 ~~(b6) School Technology Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more~~
42 ~~applications for a School Technology plate before the plate may be developed. The~~
43 ~~Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction~~

1 ~~Plate Account derived from the sale of School Technology plates to the State School~~
2 ~~Technology Fund, which is established under G.S. 115C-102.6D.~~

3 (b7) ~~Scenic Rivers Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications~~
4 ~~for a Scenic Rivers plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer~~
5 ~~quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived~~
6 ~~from the sale of Scenic Rivers plates to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund~~
7 ~~established in G.S. 113-45.3.~~

8 (b8) ~~Soil and Water Conservation Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more~~
9 ~~applications for a soil and water conservation plate before the plate may be developed.~~
10 ~~The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction~~
11 ~~Plate Account derived from the sale of the soil and water conservation plates to the Soil~~
12 ~~and Water Conservation Account established in G.S. 143B-297.1.~~

13 (b9) ~~Kids First Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a~~
14 ~~Kids First plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly~~
15 ~~the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale~~
16 ~~of Kids First plates to the North Carolina Children's Trust Fund established in G.S.~~
17 ~~7B-1302.~~

18 (b10) ~~University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina. – The Division must receive~~
19 ~~300 or more applications for a University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina plate~~
20 ~~before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in~~
21 ~~the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of University~~
22 ~~Health Systems of Eastern Carolina plates to the Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation,~~
23 ~~Inc., for use in the Children's Hospital of Eastern North Carolina.~~

24 (b11) ~~Animal Lovers Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications~~
25 ~~before an animal lovers plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly~~
26 ~~the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale~~
27 ~~of the animal lovers plate to the Spay/Neuter Account established in G.S. 19A-60.~~

28 (b12) ~~Support Public Schools Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more~~
29 ~~applications for a Support Public Schools plate before the plate may be developed. The~~
30 ~~Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction~~
31 ~~Plate Account derived from the sale of Support Public Schools plates to the Fund for the~~
32 ~~Reduction of Class Size in Public Schools created pursuant to G.S. 115C-472.10.~~

33 (b13) ~~Ducks Unlimited Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more~~
34 ~~applications for a Ducks Unlimited plate and receive any necessary licenses from Ducks~~
35 ~~Unlimited, Inc., for use of their logo before the plate may be developed. The Division~~
36 ~~shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate~~
37 ~~Account derived from the sale of Ducks Unlimited plates to the Wildlife Resources~~
38 ~~Commission to be used to support the conservation programs of Ducks Unlimited, Inc.,~~
39 ~~in this State.~~

40 (b14) ~~Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more~~
41 ~~applications for an Omega Psi Phi Fraternity plate and receive any necessary licenses,~~
42 ~~without charge, from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, before the plate may be~~
43 ~~developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and~~
44 ~~Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity~~

1 ~~plates to the United Negro College Fund, Inc., through the Winston-Salem Area Office~~
2 ~~for the benefit of UNCF colleges in this State.~~

3 (b15) Litter Prevention Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more
4 applications for a Litter Prevention plate before the plate may be developed. The
5 ~~Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction~~
6 ~~Plate Account derived from the sale of the litter prevention plates to the Litter~~
7 ~~Prevention Account created pursuant to G.S. 136-125.1.~~

8 (b16) Goodness Grows Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more
9 applications for a Goodness Grows plate before the plate may be developed. The
10 ~~Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction~~
11 ~~Plate Account derived from the sale of Goodness Grows plates to the North Carolina~~
12 ~~Agricultural Promotions, Inc., to be used to promote the sale of North Carolina~~
13 ~~agricultural products.~~

14 (b17) Audubon North Carolina Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more
15 applications for an Audubon North Carolina plate before the plate may be developed.
16 ~~The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction~~
17 ~~Plate Account derived from the sale of Audubon North Carolina plates to the National~~
18 ~~Audubon Society, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the account of the NC State Office~~
19 ~~to be used for bird and other wildlife conservation and educational activities in the State~~
20 ~~of North Carolina.~~

21 (b18) Special Forces Association. – The Division must receive 300 or more
22 applications for a Special Forces Association plate before the plate may be developed.
23 ~~The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction~~
24 ~~Plate Account derived from the sale of Special Forces Association plates to the~~
25 ~~Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, North Carolina.~~

26 (b19) The V Foundation for Cancer Research. – The Division must receive 300 or
27 more applications for a V Foundation plate before the plate may be developed. The
28 ~~Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction~~
29 ~~Plate Account derived from the sale of V Foundation plates to The V Foundation for~~
30 ~~Cancer Research to fund cancer research grants.~~

31 (b20) Save the Sea Turtles. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications
32 for a Save the Sea Turtles plate before the plate may be developed. The ~~Division must~~
33 ~~transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account~~
34 ~~derived from the sale of Save the Sea Turtles plates to The Karen Beasley Sea Turtle~~
35 ~~Rescue and Rehabilitation Center.~~

36 (b21) Harley Owners' Group. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications
37 for a Harley Owners' Group plate before the plate may be developed. The ~~Division shall~~
38 ~~transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account~~
39 ~~derived from the sale of Harley Owners' Group plates to the State Board of Community~~
40 ~~Colleges to support the motorcycle safety instruction program established pursuant to~~
41 ~~G.S. 115D-72.~~

42 (b22) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. – The Division must receive 300 or more
43 applications for a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation plate before the plate may be
44 developed. The ~~Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and~~

1 ~~Cultural Attraction Account derived from the sale of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation~~
2 ~~plates to Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Inc.~~

3 (b23) NC Agribusiness. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a
4 NC Agribusiness plate before the plate may be developed. ~~The Division must transfer~~
5 ~~quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived~~
6 ~~from the sale of NC Agribusiness plates to the North Carolina Agribusiness Council,~~
7 ~~Inc., to be used to promote awareness of the importance of agribusiness in North~~
8 ~~Carolina.~~

9 (c) General. – An application for a special license plate named in this section
10 may be made at any time during the year. If the application is made to replace an
11 existing current valid plate, the special plate ~~must~~ shall be issued with the appropriate
12 decals attached. No refund shall be made to the applicant for any unused portion
13 remaining on the original plate. The request for a special license plate named in this
14 section may be combined with a request that the plate be a personalized license plate.

15 (d) through (g) Repealed by Session Laws 1991 (Regular Session, 1992), c.
16 1042, s. 3."

17 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003, and shall apply to the
18 special registration plates listed in this act and any other special registration plates that
19 may be authorized by the General Assembly on or after the effective date of this act.