

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

**H**

**1**

**HOUSE BILL 2245**

Short Title: Special Plate for U.S. Equine Rescue League. (Public)

---

Sponsors: Representative Underhill.

---

Referred to: Finance.

---

May 22, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE U.S.  
EQUINE RESCUE LEAGUE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina, which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of expiration. A plate issued for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), and weighing 26,001 pounds or more, must bear the word "commercial," unless the plate is a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4 or the commercial vehicle is a trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less. The plate issued for vehicles licensed for 7,000 pounds through 26,000 pounds must bear the word "weighted".

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a registration plate issued by the Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a private hauler vehicle licensed for 6,000 pounds or less shall be a "First in Flight" plate. A "First in Flight" plate shall have the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and numerals. The background of the plate shall depict the Wright Brothers biplane flying over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly upward and to the right. The following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate. The design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates must be approved by the Division and the State Highway Patrol for clarity and ease of identification.

- (1) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- (2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- (3) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.
- (4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail.
- (5) NC Coastal Federation.
- (6) In God We Trust.
- (7) Stock Car Racing Theme.

- (8) Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation.
- (9) Guilford Battleground Company.
- (10) National Wild Turkey Federation.
- (11) North Carolina Aquarium Society.
- (12) First in Forestry.
- (13) North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation.
- (14) NC Trout Unlimited.
- (15) U.S. Equine Rescue League."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

- ...
- (46b) U.S. Equine Rescue League. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate shall bear the phrase "United States Equine Rescue League," and a depiction of two horses in a circle. The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the plate before it may be developed.

..."

**SECTION 3.** 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 veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration plates, including additional Congressional Medal of Honor, 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of War plates, are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
Coastal Conservation Association	\$30.00
Crystal Coast	\$30.00
El Pueblo	\$30.00
First in Forestry	\$30.00
Historical Attraction	\$30.00
HOMES4NC	\$30.00
In God We Trust	\$30.00
North Carolina 4-H Development Fund	\$30.00
North Carolina Libraries	\$30.00
Personalized	\$30.00
Share the Road	\$30.00
State Attraction	\$30.00
Stock Car Racing Theme	\$30.00
Buffalo Soldiers	\$25.00
Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
Goodness Grows	\$25.00
High School Insignia	\$25.00
Kids First	\$25.00

1	Olympic Games	\$25.00
2	National Multiple Sclerosis Society	\$25.00
3	National Wild Turkey Federation	\$25.00
4	NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
5	NC Coastal Federation	\$25.00
6	Nurses	\$25.00
7	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b> Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00
8	Special Olympics	\$25.00
9	Surveyor Plate	\$25.00
10	The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
11	University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
12	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	\$20.00
13	Animal Lovers	\$20.00
14	ARC of North Carolina	\$20.00
15	Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
16	Autism Society of North Carolina	\$20.00
17	Be Active NC	\$20.00
18	Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation	\$20.00
19	Daughters of the American Revolution	\$20.00
20	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
21	Guilford Battleground Company	\$20.00
22	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b> Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
23	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
24	March of Dimes	\$20.00
25	NC Trout Unlimited	\$20.00
26	NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation	\$20.00
27	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
28	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
29	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
30	School Technology	\$20.00
31	SCUBA	\$20.00
32	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
33	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
34	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
35	<u>U.S. Equine Rescue League</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
36	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
37	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$20.00
38	Shag Dancing	\$15.00
39	Active Member of the National Guard	None
40	100% Disabled Veteran	None
41	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
42	Legion of Valor	None
43	Purple Heart Recipient	None
44	Silver Star Recipient	None

1 All Other Special Plates \$10.00."

2 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

3 "(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the  
4 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway  
5 Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration  
6 plates listed in subsection (a) among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the  
7 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Natural Heritage Trust  
8 Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, and the Parks and Recreation  
9 Trust Fund, which is established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

10	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
11	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
12	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0	0
13	ARC of North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
14	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
15	Autism Society of North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
16	Be Active NC	\$10	\$10	0	0
17	Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
18	Buffalo Soldiers	\$10	\$15	0	0
19	Coastal Conservation Association	\$10	\$20	0	0
20	Crystal Coast	\$10	\$20	0	0
21	Daughters of the American				
22	Revolution	\$10	\$10	0	0
23	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
24	El Pueblo	\$10	\$20	0	0
25	First in Forestry	\$10	\$10	\$10	0
26	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0	0
27	Guilford Battleground				
28	Company	\$10	\$10	0	0
29	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b>				
30	Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0	0
31	High School Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
32	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
33	HOMES4NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
34	In God We Trust	\$10	\$20	0	0
35	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
36	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0	0
37	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0	0
38	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0	0
39	National Multiple Sclerosis				
40	Society	\$10	\$15	0	0
41	National Wild Turkey				
42	Federation	\$10	\$15	0	0
43	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0	0
44	NC Coastal Federation	\$10	\$15	0	0

1	NC 4-H Development Fund	\$10	\$20	0	0
2	NC Trout Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
3	North Carolina Libraries	\$10	\$20	0	0
4	NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
5	Nurses	\$10	\$15	0	0
6	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0	0
7	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
8	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15	0
9	Personalized	\$10	0	\$15	\$5
10	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b>				
11	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$10	\$15	0	0
12	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0	0
13	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0	0
14	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0	0
15	SCUBA	\$10	\$10	0	0
16	Shag Dancing	\$10	\$5	0	0
17	Share the Road	\$10	\$20	0	0
18	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0	0
19	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0	0
20	Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0	0
21	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
22	Stock Car Racing Theme	\$10	\$20	0	0
23	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0	0
24	Surveyor Plate	\$10	\$15	0	0
25	The V Foundation for Cancer				
26	Research	\$10	\$15	0	0
27	University Health Systems of				
28	Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0	0
29	<u>U.S. Equine Rescue League</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
30	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0	0
31	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$10	\$10	0	0
32	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0	0."

33           **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

34           "(b53) U.S. Equine Rescue League. – The Division must receive 300 or more  
35 applications for the U.S. Equine Rescue League plate before the plate may be  
36 developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and  
37 Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of U.S. Equine Rescue League  
38 plates to the United States Equine Rescue League, Inc., to be used for the care and  
39 upkeep of rescued equines."

40           **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law. The Revisor of  
41 Statutes is authorized to renumber the definitions in G.S. 20-79.4(b) as necessary to  
42 maintain their alphabetical order.