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SENATE BILL 1229

Short Title: Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Plate.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Basnight.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A REGISTRATION PLATE DEPICTING THE CAPE HATTERAS LIGHTHOUSE AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE INCOME FROM THE SALE OF THE PLATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-81.13. Cape Hatteras plates.

(a) The Division shall develop a license plate depicting the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and shall issue the plate to the owner of any motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan or a commercial truck, upon application and payment of the appropriate fees.

(b) An owner who desires a Cape Hatteras Lighthouse license plate shall submit an application for the plate on a form provided by the Division and pay the sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00) annually, which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee.

(c) An application for a Cape Hatteras Lighthouse license plate may be made at any time during the year. If the application is made for a Cape Hatteras Lighthouse license plate to replace an existing current valid plate, the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached. The fee prescribed in subsection (b) of this section shall be paid. No refund shall be made to the applicant for any unused portion remaining on the original plate. When application is made for a Cape Hatteras Lighthouse license plate at the beginning of the applicant's registration

1 period, the normal registration fee must be paid in addition to the fee prescribed in
2 subsection (b) of this section.

3 (d) Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the additional fee imposed by subsection (b) of this
4 section shall be credited to the Personalized Registration Fund established under G.S.
5 20-79.7. The remaining revenue derived from the additional fee imposed by subsection
6 (b) of this section shall be credited to the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Plate Fund, a
7 separate fund established in the State Treasurer's office. The revenue in the Cape
8 Hatteras Lighthouse Plate Fund shall be transferred quarterly to the Board of Directors
9 of the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, a nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of
10 building and operating the museum.

11 (e) The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse license plate may be imprinted with numerals
12 beginning with the number '1'. The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse license plate shall depict
13 the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse in the background with the words 'North Carolina'
14 appearing on the plate.

15 (f) The request for a collegiate insignia license plate may be combined with a
16 request that the plate be a special personalized registration plate authorized by G.S. 20-
17 81.3, upon payment of the fees required in that section.

18 (g) The Division shall issue the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse license plates bearing
19 the numerals '1' through '100' upon receipt of the applications that have been certified,
20 approved, and forwarded to the Division by the Board of Directors of the Graveyard of
21 the Atlantic Museum. The Board of Directors of the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum
22 may receive additional funds, in any amount and from any source, for certifying and
23 approving the applications forwarded to the Division of Motor Vehicles. The Cape
24 Hatteras Lighthouse license plates with numerals '101' and above may be issued by the
25 Division to any qualified applicant filing an application directly with the Division."

26 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.