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HOUSE BILL 1246

Short Title: Animal Lovers Special Plate.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Clary; Cansler, Dedmon, Gardner, Horn, Justus, and Russell.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES TO ANIMAL LOVERS TO PROMOTE SPAYING AND NEUTERING OF DOGS AND CATS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

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

...
(2a) Animal Lovers. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate may bear a picture of a dog and cat and the phrase "I Care." The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate."

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 veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration 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:

Special Plate Additional Fee Amount

1	Historical Attraction	\$30.00
2	State Attraction	\$30.00
3	Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
4	Olympic Games	\$25.00
5	Special Olympics	\$25.00
6	<u>Animal Lovers</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
7	March of Dimes	\$20.00
8	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
9	School Technology	\$20.00
10	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
11	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
12	Personalized	\$20.00
13	Active Member of the National Guard	None
14	Purple Heart Recipient	None
15	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

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

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

23 <u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>
24 Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
25 In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
26 Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15
27 Personalized	\$10	0	\$10
28 Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0
29 Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0
30 State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
31 March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0
32 Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0
33 School Technology	\$10	\$10	0
34 Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0
35 Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
36 <u>Animal Lovers</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
37 All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0."

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

39 "(b9) Animal Lovers Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications  
 40 before an animal lovers plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the  
 41 money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of  
 42 the animal lovers plate to the Department of Health and Human Services to create a  
 43 statewide program to promote spaying and neutering of dogs and cats."

1           Section 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.