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Short Title: Special Registration Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE
3 SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, DUCKS
4 UNLIMITED SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, OMEGA PSI PHI
5 FRATERNITY SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, TOBACCO HERITAGE
6 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, "N.C. MARITIME MUSEUM" SPECIAL
7 REGISTRATION PLATES, AND LITTER PREVENTION SPECIAL
8 REGISTRATION PLATES; TO CREATE THE FUND FOR THE REDUCTION OF
9 CLASS SIZE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND TO REMOVE THE SPECIAL
10 REGISTRATION PLATE ACCOUNT FEE FROM THE LEGION OF VALOR
11 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR
12 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, 100% DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL
13 REGISTRATION PLATES, EX-PRISONER OF WAR SPECIAL REGISTRATION
14 PLATES, AND TO MODIFY THE BASIS FOR ISSUING PERMANENT PLATES
15 TO CHURCH BUSES.

16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 Section 1. G.S. 20-79.4(b)(13a) is recodified as G.S. 20-79.4(b)(13b).

1 Section 2. G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding the following new
 2 subdivisions to read:

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

5 ...
 6 (13a) Ducks Unlimited. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle
 7 in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the logo of
 8 Ducks Unlimited, Inc., and shall bear the words: 'Ducks Unlimited'.

9 ...
 10 (22a) Litter Prevention. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle
 11 in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase and
 12 picture appropriate to the subject of litter prevention in North Carolina.

13 ...
 14 (29a) Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
 15 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the
 16 fraternity's symbol and name.

17 ...
 18 (45a) Support Public Schools. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
 19 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear a picture
 20 representing an old-time one-room schoolhouse and shall bear the
 21 words: 'Support Our Public Schools'.

22 (45b) Tobacco Heritage. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle.
 23 The plate shall bear a picture of a tobacco leaf and plow. The Division
 24 may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives
 25 at least 300 applications for the plate."

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

27 "(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of
 28 charge one registration plate to a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, a 100%
 29 disabled veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration ~~plates~~plates,
 30 including additional Congressional Medal of Honor, 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-
 31 Prisoner of War plates, are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S.
 32 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
34 Historical Attraction	\$30.00
35 State Attraction	\$30.00
36 Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
37 Kids First	\$25.00
38 Olympic Games	\$25.00
39 Special Olympics	\$25.00
40 University Health Systems of	
41 Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
42 Animal Lovers	\$20.00
43 <u>Litter Prevention</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>

1	<u>Ducks Unlimited</u>	\$20.00
2	March of Dimes	\$20.00
3	<u>Omega Psi Phi Fraternity</u>	\$20.00
4	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
5	School Technology	\$20.00
6	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
7	<u>Support Public Schools</u>	\$20.00
8	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
9	Personalized	\$20.00
10	Active Member of the National Guard	None
11	<u>Congressional Medal of Honor</u>	None
12	<u>100% Disabled Veteran</u>	None
13	<u>Ex-Prisoner of War</u>	None
14	<u>Legion of Valor</u>	None
15	Purple Heart Recipient	None
16	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

17 Section 4. G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

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

24	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>
25	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0
26	<u>Litter Prevention</u>	\$ 5	\$10	0
27	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
28	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
29	Kids First	\$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	<u>Ducks Unlimited</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
36	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0
37	<u>Omega Psi Phi Fraternity</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
38	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0
39	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0
40	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0
41	<u>Support Public Schools</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
42	University Health Systems of			
43	Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0

1	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
2	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0".

3 Section 5. G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding the following new subsections
4 to read:

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

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

16 (b14) Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more
17 applications for an Omega Psi Phi Fraternity plate and receive any necessary licenses,
18 without charge, from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, before the plate may be
19 developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural
20 Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity plates to the
21 United Negro College Fund, Inc., through the Winston-Salem Area Office for the benefit
22 of UNCF colleges in this State.

23 (b15) Litter Prevention Plates. – The Division shall develop a litter prevention plate
24 regardless of the number of applications for the plate that the Division receives. The
25 Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate
26 Account derived from the sale of litter prevention plates to the Litter Prevention Account
27 created pursuant to G.S. 136-125.1."

28 Section 6. Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
29 Article to read:

30 **"ARTICLE 32C.**

31 **"FUND FOR THE REDUCTION OF CLASS SIZE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

32 **"§ 115C-472.10. Establishment of the Fund for the Reduction of Class Size in Public**
33 **Schools.**

34 (a) There is established under the control and direction of the State Board of
35 Education the Fund for the Reduction of Class Size in Public Schools. This fund shall be
36 a nonreverting special revenue fund consisting of moneys credited to it under G.S. 20-
37 81.12(b12) from the sale of special registration plates to support the public schools.

38 (b) The State Board of Education shall allocate funds in the Fund for the
39 Reduction of Class Size in Public Schools to local school administrative units to reduce
40 class size in public schools."

41 Section 7. G.S. 20-81.12(b2) is amended by adding the following new
42 subdivision:

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

6 ...
7 (1b) The North Carolina Maritime Museum. – The revenue derived from the
8 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to Friends of the Museum,
9 North Carolina Maritime Museum, Inc., to be used for educational
10 programs and conservation programs and for operating expenses of the
11 North Carolina Maritime Museum."

12 Section 8. G.S. 20-84(b)(9) reads as rewritten:

13 "(b) Permanent Registration Plates. – The Division may issue permanent plates for
14 the following motor vehicles:

15 ...
16 (9) A bus owned by a church and used exclusively for transporting
17 individuals to Sunday school and school, to church services, and
18 to other church related activities."

19 Section 9.(a) Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
20 Article to read:

21 **"ARTICLE 10A.**

22 **"LITTER PREVENTION ACCOUNT.**

23 **"§ 136-125.1. Litter Prevention Account.**

24 There is established under the control and direction of the Department of
25 Transportation the Litter Prevention Account. The Account shall be a nonreverting
26 special revenue account within the Highway Fund and shall consist of moneys credited to
27 the Account under G.S. 20-81.12(b12) from the sale of litter prevention special
28 registration plates. The Department of Transportation shall allocate the funds in the
29 Account to reduce litter in the State.

30 **"§ 136-125.2. Report.**

31 The Department of Transportation shall report no later than October 1 of each year to
32 the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Environmental Review
33 Commission regarding the allocation of funds from the Litter Prevention Account. The
34 report shall include all receipts to and allocations from the Account made during the
35 previous fiscal year and shall explain how each allocation serves to reduce litter in the
36 State."

37 Section 9.(b) The first report required by G.S. 136-125.2, as enacted by subsection
38 (a) of this section, is due no later than October 1, 2002.

39 Section 9.(c) The Department of Transportation, the Department of Environment
40 and Natural Resources, and the Department of Public Instruction shall cooperatively
41 develop the phrase and picture to be used on the litter prevention special registration plate
42 authorized by G.S. 20-79.6(b)(22a), as enacted by this act.

1 Section 9.(d) The Legislative Research Commission shall study issues related to
2 the prevention and removal of litter. The Commission shall make a final report of its
3 recommendations regarding the prevention and removal of litter, including any proposed
4 legislation, to the 2001 General Assembly.

5 Section 10. This act is effective when it becomes law.