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Short Title: Special Registration Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE BASIS FOR ISSUING PERMANENT PLATES TO CHURCH BUSES; TO CREATE THE FUND FOR THE REDUCTION OF CLASS SIZE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE LITTER PREVENTION ACCOUNT; TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE SEVEN NEW SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES; AND TO EXEMPT THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL PLATES FROM THE TEN DOLLAR ADDITIONAL FEE IMPOSED FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE: LEGION OF VALOR, SILVER STAR RECIPIENT, 100% DISABLED VETERAN, AND EX-PRISONER OF WAR; AND TO REQUIRE RED LENSES ON BRAKE LIGHTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

...

- 1           (13a) Ducks Unlimited. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle  
 2           in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the logo of  
 3           Ducks Unlimited, Inc., and shall bear the words: 'Ducks Unlimited'.  
 4           ...
- 5           (16b) Goodness Grows. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle  
 6           in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the 'Goodness  
 7           Grows in North Carolina' logo and the phrase 'Agriculture: NC's #1  
 8           Industry'.  
 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 <u>Goodness Grows</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
38        Kids First	\$25.00
39        Olympic Games	\$25.00
40        Special Olympics	\$25.00
41        University Health Systems of	
42        Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
43        Animal Lovers	\$20.00

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

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

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

25	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>
26	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0
27	<u>Ducks Unlimited</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
28	<u>Goodness Grows</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
29	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
30	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
31	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0
32	<u>Litter Prevention</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
33	<u>March of Dimes</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
34	<u>Olympic Games</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>0</u>
35	<u>Omega Psi Phi Fraternity</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
36	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15
37	Personalized	\$10	0	\$10
38	<del>Special Olympics</del>	<del>-\$10</del>	<del>-\$15</del>	<del>0</del>
39	<del>Olympic Games</del>	<del>-\$10</del>	<del>-\$15</del>	<del>0</del>
40	<del>State Attraction</del>	<del>-\$10</del>	<del>-\$20</del>	<del>0</del>
41	<del>March of Dimes</del>	<del>-\$10</del>	<del>-\$10</del>	<del>0</del>
42	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0
43	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0

1	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0
2	<u>Special Olympics</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
3	<u>State Attraction</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>
4	<u>Support Public Schools</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
5	University Health Systems of			
6	Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0
7	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
8	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0".

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

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

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

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

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

34 (b16) Goodness Grows Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications  
35 for a Goodness Grows plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall  
36 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account  
37 derived from the sale of Goodness Grows plates to the North Carolina Agricultural  
38 Promotions, Inc., to be used to promote the sale of North Carolina agricultural products."

39 Section 6. G.S. 20-81.12(b2) is amended by adding the following new  
40 subdivision:

41 "(b2) State Attraction Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications  
42 for a State attraction plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer  
43 quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from

1 the sale of State attraction plates to the organizations named below in proportion to the  
2 number of State attraction plates sold representing that organization:

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

9 Section 7. G.S. 20-84(b)(9) reads as rewritten:

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

12 ...  
13 (9) A bus owned by a church and used exclusively for transporting  
14 individuals to Sunday ~~school and school~~, to church services. ~~services,~~ and  
15 to other church related activities."

16 Section 8. Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
17 Article to read:

18 **"ARTICLE 32C.**

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

20 **"§ 115C-472.10. Establishment of the Fund for the Reduction of Class Size in Public**  
21 **Schools.**

22 (a) There is established under the control and direction of the State Board of  
23 Education the Fund for the Reduction of Class Size in Public Schools. This fund shall be  
24 a nonreverting special revenue fund consisting of moneys credited to it under G.S. 20-  
25 81.12(b12) from the sale of special registration plates to support the public schools.

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

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

31 **"ARTICLE 10A.**

32 **"LITTER PREVENTION ACCOUNT.**

33 **"§ 136-125.1. Litter Prevention Account.**

34 There is established under the control and direction of the Department of  
35 Transportation the Litter Prevention Account. The Account shall be a nonreverting  
36 special revenue account within the Highway Fund and shall consist of moneys credited to  
37 the Account under G.S. 20-81.12(b15) from the sale of litter prevention special  
38 registration plates. The Department of Transportation shall allocate the funds in the  
39 Account to reduce litter in the State.

40 **"§ 136-125.2. Report.**

41 The Department of Transportation shall report no later than October 1 of each year to  
42 the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Environmental Review  
43 Commission regarding the allocation of funds from the Litter Prevention Account. The

1 report shall include all receipts to and allocations from the Account made during the  
2 previous fiscal year and shall explain how each allocation serves to reduce litter in the  
3 State."

4 Section 9.(b) Notwithstanding G.S. 136-125.2, as enacted by this act, the first  
5 report required under G.S. 136-125.2 is due no later than October 1, 2002.

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

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

14 Section 10. G.S. 20-129.1(9) reads as rewritten:

15 "(9) Brake lights (and/or brake reflectors) on the rear of a motor  
16 vehicle shall ~~be red.~~ have red lenses so that the light displayed is red.  
17 The light illuminating the license plate shall be white. All other lights  
18 shall be white, amber, yellow, clear or red."

19 Section 11. Section 10 of this act becomes effective May 1, 2001. The  
20 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.