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**HOUSE BILL 1745
Senate Finance Committee Substitute Adopted 8/15/02**

Short Title: Special License Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

June 17, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE 300 PLATE REQUIREMENT FROM SPECIAL
2 LICENSE PLATES FOR WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN CONFLICT
3 VETERANS' PLATES, TO MODIFY THE LOGO ON THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN
4 ELK FOUNDATION SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE
5 DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE
6 FOR AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS AND A SPECIAL LICENSE
7 PLATE FOR THE STATE'S OFFICIAL VEGETABLE, THE SWEET POTATO.
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9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-79.4(b)(27b) reads as rewritten:

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

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14 (27b) Military Wartime Veteran. – Issuable to either a member or veteran of
15 the armed services of the United States who served during a period of
16 war. If the person is a veteran of the armed services, then the veteran
17 must be separated from the armed services under honorable conditions.
18 The plate shall bear a word or phrase identifying the period of war and
19 a replica of the campaign badge or medal awarded for that war. ~~The~~
20 Except for World War II and Korean Conflict plates, the Division may
21 not issue a plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at
22 least 300 applications for that plate. A "period of war" is any of the
23 following:

- 24 a. World War I, meaning the period beginning April 16, 1917, and
25 ending November 11, 1918.
26 b. World War II, meaning the period beginning December 7,
27 1941, and ending December 31, 1946.
28 c. The Korean Conflict, meaning the period beginning June 27,
29 1950, and ending January 31, 1955.

- d. The Vietnam Era, meaning the period beginning August 5, 1964, and ending May 7, 1975.
- e. Desert Storm, meaning the period beginning August 2, 1990, and ending April 11, 1991.
- f. Any other campaign, expedition, or engagement for which the United States Department of Defense authorizes a campaign badge or medal.

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SECTION 2. G.S. 20-79.4(b)(36b) reads as rewritten:

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

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(36b) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation" and a ~~replica of the "Walking Bull" logo of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Inc.~~ The Division shall not develop this plate unless the approved by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Inc. licenses, without charge, the State to use the "Walking Bull" logo on the plate.

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SECTION 3. G.S. 20-79.4(b)(3c) is recodified as G.S. 20-79.4(b)(3d) and G.S. 20-79.4(b)(45b) is recodified as G.S. 20-79.4(b)(45c).

SECTION 4. G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding two new subdivisions to read:

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

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(3c) Aviation Maintenance Technician. – Issuable to a person who is a Federal Aviation Authority certified Aviation Maintenance Technician. The plate shall bear the logo of the F.A.A. Airworthiness Program and the initials "A.M.T." The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.

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(45b) Sweet Potato. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate may bear a phrase and picture representing the State's official vegetable, the sweet potato. The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.

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SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.