

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 255**

Short Title: Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation License Plate. (Public)

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Referred to: Finance.

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March 6, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A  
BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY FOUNDATION SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina, which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of expiration. A plate issued for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), and weighing 26,001 pounds or more, must bear the word "commercial," unless the plate is a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4 or the commercial vehicle is a trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less. The plate issued for vehicles licensed for 7,000 pounds through 26,000 pounds must bear the word "weighted".

A registration plate issued by the Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a private hauler vehicle licensed for 6,000 pounds or less, other than a Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park special registration ~~plate~~ plate, a Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation special registration plate, or a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation special registration plate shall be a "First in Flight" plate. A "First in Flight" plate shall have the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and numerals. The background of the plate shall depict the Wright Brothers biplane flying over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly upward and to the right."

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

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

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(3d) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. – Issuable to a registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12(b24). The plate shall have the words 'First in Flight' printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and numerals. The background of the plate shall be the full art, three-color design submitted to the Division by the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation in camera-ready format. The background color and design shall allow the numbers on the face of the plate to be readily distinguished. Submission to the Division of the background design shall be the final design and, upon acceptance by the Division, no further changes in the background design shall be made.

~~(3d)~~(3e) Bronze Star Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the Bronze Star. The plate shall bear the emblem of the Bronze Star and the words "Bronze Star".

**SECTION 3.** 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, including additional Congressional Medal of Honor, 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of War 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:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
Historical Attraction	\$30.00
State Attraction	\$30.00
<u>Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
Goodness Grows	\$25.00
Kids First	\$25.00
Olympic Games	\$25.00
NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
Special Olympics	\$25.00
The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
Animal Lovers	\$20.00
Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
First in Forestry	\$20.00
Litter Prevention	\$20.00
March of Dimes	\$20.00
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00

1	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
2	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
3	School Technology	\$20.00
4	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
5	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
6	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
7	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
8	Personalized	\$20.00
9	Active Member of the National Guard	None
10	100% Disabled Veteran	None
11	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
12	Legion of Valor	None
13	Purple Heart Recipient	None
14	Silver Star Recipient	None
15	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

16 **SECTION 4.** 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				
25				
26	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0
27	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0
28	<u>Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>0</u>
29	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0
30	First in Forestry	\$10	0	\$10
31	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0
32	Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0
33	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
34	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
35	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0
36	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0
37	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0
38	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0
39	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0
40	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0
41	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15
42	Personalized	\$10	0	\$10
43	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$10	\$15	0
44	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0

1	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0
2	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0
3	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0
4	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0
5	Special Olympics	\$10	\$10	0
6	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
7	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0
8	The V Foundation for Cancer Research	\$10	\$15	0
9	University Health Systems of Eastern			
10	Carolina	\$10	\$15	0
11	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
12	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0."

13           **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
14           "(b24) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. – The Division shall receive 300  
15 applications for a Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation plate before the plate may be  
16 developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and  
17 Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Blue Ridge Parkway  
18 Foundation plates to the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation for use in promoting and  
19 preserving the Blue Ridge Parkway as a scenic attraction in North Carolina."

20           **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.