

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

**SENATE BILL 1118  
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR THE FIRST IN FORESTRY SPECIAL PLATE, TO AUTHORIZE DMV TO ISSUE A RETIRED HIGHWAY PATROL SPECIAL PLATE TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF RETIRED HIGHWAY PATROLMEN AND TO AUTHORIZE DMV TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING NEW SPECIAL PLATES: DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, EL PUEBLO, HOMES4NC, NC 4-H DEVELOPMENT FUND, SPORT FISHING, COMMERCIAL FISHING, AND A HIGH SCHOOL INSIGNIA PLATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** 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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(10a) Commercial Fishing. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase and picture appropriate to the subject of commercial fishing in North Carolina. 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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(11e) Daughters of the American Revolution. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate may bear a phrase and picture appropriate to the organization. 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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(14a) El Pueblo. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-18.12. The plate shall bear the El Pueblo logo and the words 'El Pueblo'. 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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(16f) High School Insignia Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase or an insignia representing a public high school in North Carolina.

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(18a) HOMES4NC Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear 'HOMES4NC', the logo of the North Carolina Association of Realtors Housing Opportunity Foundation, and shall be developed in conjunction with that organization. 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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(28e) North Carolina 4-H Development Fund. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase or insignia representing The North Carolina 4-H Development Fund.

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(36a) ~~Retired Highway Patrol. —Issuable—~~ The plate authorized by this subdivision to an individual who has retired from the North Carolina Highway Patrol. The plate shall bear the phrase "SHP, Retired." The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate. The plate is issuable to one of the following:

a. An individual who has retired from the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

b. The surviving spouse of a person who had a retired highway patrol plate at the time of death so long as the surviving spouse continues to renew the plate and does not remarry.

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(41a) Sport Fishing. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase and picture appropriate to the subject of sport fishing in North Carolina. 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, 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>
Crystal Coast	\$30.00
<u>El Pueblo</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Historical Attraction	\$30.00
<u>HOMES4NC</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
<u>North Carolina 4-H Development Fund</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Personalized	\$30.00
State Attraction	\$30.00
Buffalo Soldiers	\$25.00
Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
Goodness Grows	\$25.00
<u>High School Insignia</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
Kids First	\$25.00
Olympic Games	\$25.00
NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
NC Coastal Federation	\$25.00
Nurses	\$25.00
<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b>	
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00
Special Olympics	\$25.00
Surveyor Plate	\$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
Be Active NC	\$20.00
<u>Daughters of the American Revolution</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b>	
Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
First in Forestry	<del>\$20.00</del> \$30.00
Litter Prevention	\$20.00
March of Dimes	\$20.00
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
School Technology	\$20.00
Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
Special Forces Association	\$20.00
Support Public Schools	\$20.00
Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$20.00
Active Member of the National Guard	None
100% Disabled Veteran	None
Ex-Prisoner of War	None
Legion of Valor	None
Purple Heart Recipient	None
Silver Star Recipient	None
All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

**SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed in subsection (a) among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Natural Heritage Trust Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0	0
Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
Be Active NC	\$10	\$10	0	0
Buffalo Soldiers	\$10	\$15	0	0
Crystal Coast	\$10	\$20	0	0
<u>Daughters of the American Revolution</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
<u>El Pueblo</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
First in Forestry	\$10	<del>0</del> \$10	\$10	0
Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0	0
<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b>				
Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0	0
<u>High School Insignia</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
<u>HOMES4NC</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
Kids First	\$10	\$15	0	0
Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0	0
March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0	0

NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0	0
NC Coastal Federation	\$10	\$15	0	0
<u>NC 4-H Development Fund</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Nurses	\$10	\$15	0	0
Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0	0
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	10	0	\$15	0
Personalized	\$10	0	\$15	\$5
<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b>				
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$10	\$15	0	0
Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0	0
Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0	0
School Technology	\$10	\$10	0	0
Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0	0
Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0	0
Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0	0
State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0	0
Surveyor Plate	\$10	\$15	0	0
The V Foundation for Cancer Research	\$10	\$15	0	0
University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0	0
Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0	0
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$10	\$10	0	0
All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0	0."

**SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding two new subsections to read:

"(b31) North Carolina 4-H Development Fund. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a North Carolina 4-H Development Fund plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of North Carolina 4-H Development Fund plates to The North Carolina 4-H Development Fund, to be used to support county and State 4-H programs and to provide funding for repairs and renovations at North Carolina 4-H camps and conference centers.

(b32) High School Insignia Plate. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a high school insignia plate for a public high school in North Carolina before a high school insignia plate may be issued for that school. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of high school insignia plates to the Department of Public Instruction to be deposited into the State Aid to Local School Administrative Units account. The Division must also send the Department of Public Instruction information as to the number of plates sold representing a particular high school. The Department of Public Instruction must annually transfer the money in the State Aid to Local School Administrative Units account that is derived from the sale of the high school insignia plates to the high schools which have a high school insignia plate in proportion to the number of high school insignia plates sold representing that school. The high school must use the money for academic enhancement.

(b33) HOMES4NC. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the HOMES4NC plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of the HOMES4NC plates to the NCAR Housing Opportunity Foundation to promote safe, decent, and affordable housing for all in North Carolina.

(b34) First in Forestry. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the First in Forestry plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer

quarterly one-half of the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of the First in Forestry plates to the Division of Forest Resources for a State forests and forestry education program and shall transfer quarterly one-half of the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of the First in Forestry plates to the Forest Education and Conservation Foundation for their programs.

(b35) El Pueblo. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the El Pueblo plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Plate Account derived from the sale of the El Pueblo plates to El Pueblo, Inc., for its Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships for Latino students entering any community college, college, or university in North Carolina.

(b36) Daughters of the American Revolution. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a Daughters of the American Revolution plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Daughters of the American Revolution plates to the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution License Plate Trust Fund located in Wilmington, North Carolina, to be used to carry out the objectives of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution including the protection of historical spots and the erection of monuments, the encouragement and support of historical research and educational endeavors, the preservation of historical documents and relics, and the promotion of all patriotic celebrations."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

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Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004