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SENATE BILL 485

Short Title: Friends of Appalachian Trail Plate. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Queen, Carpenter; Albertson, Apodaca, Ballantine, Berger, Bingham, Blake, Brock, Carrington, Dalton, Dorsett, Forrester, Foxx, Garrou, Garwood, Hagan, Holloman, Horton, Jenkins, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lucas, Metcalf, Moore, Pittenger, Purcell, Rand, Rucho, Shaw, Shubert, Smith, Stevens, and Thomas.

Referred to: Finance.

March 20, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A
2 "FRIENDS OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL" SPECIAL REGISTRATION
3 PLATE.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number
8 assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina,
9 which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of
10 expiration. A plate issued for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), and
11 weighing 26,001 pounds or more, must bear the word "commercial," unless the plate is
12 a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4 or the commercial vehicle is a
13 trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less. The plate issued for vehicles licensed for
14 7,000 pounds through 26,000 pounds must bear the word "weighted".

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

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

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

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2 (15b) Friends of the Appalachian Trail. – Issuable to the registered owner of
 3 a motor vehicle. The plate may bear a phrase or an insignia
 4 representing the Friends of the Appalachian Trail. The Division must
 5 receive 300 or more applications for the plate before it may be
 6 developed."

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

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

| <u>Special Plate</u> | <u>Additional Fee Amount</u> |
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| 14 Historical Attraction | \$30.00 |
| 15 State Attraction | \$30.00 |
| 16 <u>Friends of the Appalachian Trail</u> | <u>\$30.00</u> |
| 17 Collegiate Insignia | \$25.00 |
| 18 Goodness Grows | \$25.00 |
| 19 Kids First | \$25.00 |
| 20 Olympic Games | \$25.00 |
| 21 NC Agribusiness | \$25.00 |
| 22 Special Olympics | \$25.00 |
| 23 The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division | \$25.00 |
| 24 University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina | \$25.00 |
| 25 Animal Lovers | \$20.00 |
| 26 Audubon North Carolina | \$20.00 |
| 27 Ducks Unlimited | \$20.00 |
| 28 Harley Owners' Group | \$20.00 |
| 29 First in Forestry | \$20.00 |
| 30 Litter Prevention | \$20.00 |
| 31 March of Dimes | \$20.00 |
| 32 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity | \$20.00 |
| 33 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation | \$25.00 |
| 34 Save the Sea Turtles | \$20.00 |
| 35 Scenic Rivers | \$20.00 |
| 36 School Technology | \$20.00 |
| 37 Soil and Water Conservation | \$20.00 |
| 38 Special Forces Association | \$20.00 |
| 39 Support Public Schools | \$20.00 |
| 40 Wildlife Resources | \$20.00 |
| 41 Personalized | \$20.00 |
| 42 Active Member of the National Guard | None |
| 43 100% Disabled Veteran | None |

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| 1 | Ex-Prisoner of War | None |
| 2 | Legion of Valor | None |
| 3 | Purple Heart Recipient | None |
| 4 | Silver Star Recipient | None |
| 5 | All Other Special Plates | \$10.00." |

6 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

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

| 13 | <u>Special Plate</u> | <u>SRPA</u> | <u>CCAPA</u> | <u>NHTF</u> |
|----|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 14 | Animal Lovers | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 15 | Audubon North Carolina | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 16 | Ducks Unlimited | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 17 | First in Forestry | \$10 | 0 | \$10 |
| 18 | <u>Friends of the Appalachian Trail</u> | <u>\$10</u> | <u>\$20</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 19 | Goodness Grows | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 20 | Harley Owners' Group | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 21 | Historical Attraction | \$10 | \$20 | 0 |
| 22 | In-State Collegiate Insignia | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 23 | Kids First | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 24 | Litter Prevention | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 25 | March of Dimes | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 26 | NC Agribusiness | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 27 | Olympic Games | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 28 | Omega Psi Phi Fraternity | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 29 | Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia | \$10 | 0 | \$15 |
| 30 | Personalized | \$10 | 0 | \$10 |
| 31 | Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 32 | Save the Sea Turtles | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 33 | Scenic Rivers | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 34 | School Technology | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 35 | Soil and Water Conservation | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 36 | Special Forces Association | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 37 | Special Olympics | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 38 | State Attraction | \$10 | \$20 | 0 |
| 39 | Support Public Schools | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 40 | The V Foundation for Cancer Research | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 41 | University Health Systems of Eastern | | | |
| 42 | Carolina | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 43 | Wildlife Resources | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 44 | All other Special Plates | \$10 | 0 | 0." |

1 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

2 "(b24) Friends of the Appalachian Trail. – The Division must receive 300 or more
3 applications for a Friends of the Appalachian Trail plate before the plate may be
4 developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and
5 Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of the Friends of the
6 Appalachian Trail plates to the Appalachian Trail Conference, to be used for
7 educational materials, preservation programs, trail maintenance, trailway and viewshed
8 acquisitions, trailway and viewshed easement acquisitions, capital improvements for the
9 portions of the Appalachian Trail and connecting trails that are located in North
10 Carolina, and related administrative and operating expenses."

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