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**HOUSE BILL 1776
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/1/05**

Short Title: NC Trout Unlimited Plate/Trout State Fish.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 12, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A
2 NORTH CAROLINA TROUT UNLIMITED SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE
3 AND TO ADOPT THE BROOK TROUT AS THE OFFICIAL FRESHWATER
4 FISH OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 "(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number
9 assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina,
10 which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of
11 expiration. A plate issued for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), and
12 weighing 26,001 pounds or more, must bear the word "commercial", unless the plate is
13 a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4 or the commercial vehicle is a
14 trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less. The plate issued for vehicles licensed for
15 7,000 pounds through 26,000 pounds must bear the word "weighted".

16 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a registration plate issued by the
17 Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a private hauler vehicle licensed for
18 6,000 pounds or less shall be a "First in Flight" plate. A "First in Flight" plate shall have
19 the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and
20 numerals. The background of the plate shall depict the Wright Brothers biplane flying
21 over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly upward and to the right. The
22 following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate. The
23 design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates must be approved by the Division
24 and the State Highway Patrol for clarity and ease of identification.

- 25 (1) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
26 (2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
27 (3) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.
28 (4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail.
29 (5) NC Coastal Federation.

- (6) In God We Trust.
- (7) Stock Car Racing Theme.
- (8) NC Trout Unlimited."

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

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

- ...
- (28p) NC Trout Unlimited. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Back the Brookie' and an image that depicts a North Carolina brook trout."

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>
Crystal Coast	\$30.00
El Pueblo	\$30.00
Historical Attraction	\$30.00
HOMES4NC	\$30.00
In God We Trust	\$30.00
North Carolina 4-H Development Fund	\$30.00
Personalized	\$30.00
State Attraction	\$30.00
Buffalo Soldiers	\$25.00
Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
Goodness Grows	\$25.00
High School Insignia	\$25.00
Kids First	\$25.00
Olympic Games	\$25.00
NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
NC Coastal Federation	\$25.00
Nurses	\$25.00
(Effective until June 30, 2006) 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

1	Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
2	Be Active NC	\$20.00
3	Daughters of the American Revolution	\$20.00
4	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
5	(Effective until June 30, 2006) First in Forestry	\$30.00
6	Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
7	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
8	March of Dimes	\$20.00
9	<u>NC Trout Unlimited</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
10	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
11	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
12	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
13	School Technology	\$20.00
14	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
15	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
16	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
17	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
18	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$20.00
19	Active Member of the National Guard	None
20	100% Disabled Veteran	None
21	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
22	Legion of Valor	None
23	Purple Heart Recipient	None
24	Silver Star Recipient	None
25	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

SECTION 4. 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>	
35	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0	0
36	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
37	Be Active NC	\$10	\$10	0	0
38	Buffalo Soldiers	\$10	\$15	0	0
39	Crystal Coast	\$10	\$20	0	0
40	Daughters of the American				
41	Revolution	\$10	\$10	0	0
42	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
43	El Pueblo	\$10	\$20	0	0
44	First in Forestry	\$10	\$10	\$10	0

1	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0	0
2	(Effective until June 30,				
3	2006) Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0	0
4	High School Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
5	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
6	HOMES4NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
7	In God We Trust	\$10	\$20	0	0
8	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
9	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0	0
10	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0	0
11	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0	0
12	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0	0
13	NC Coastal Federation	\$10	\$15	0	0
14	NC 4-H Development Fund	\$10	\$20	0	0
15	<u>NC Trout Unlimited</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
16	Nurses	\$10	\$15	0	0
17	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0	0
18	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
19	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	10	0	\$15	0
20	Personalized	\$10	0	\$15	\$5
21	(Effective until June 30,				
22	2006) Rocky Mountain Elk				
23	Foundation	\$10	\$15	0	0
24	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0	0
25	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0	0
26	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0	0
27	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0	0
28	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0	0
29	Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0	0
30	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
31	Stock Car Racing Theme	\$10	\$20	0	0
32	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0	0
33	Surveyor Plate	\$10	\$15	0	0
34	The V Foundation for				
35	Cancer Research	\$10	\$15	0	0
36	University Health Systems of				
37	Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0	0
38	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0	0
39	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$10	\$10	0	0
40	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0	0."

41 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
42 "(b39) NC Trout Unlimited. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications
43 for an NC Trout Unlimited plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall
44 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account

1 derived from the sale of NC Trout Unlimited plates to North Carolina Trout Unlimited
2 for its programs."

3 **SECTION 6.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
4 new section to read:

5 **"§ 145-22. State freshwater fish.**

6 The brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) is adopted as the official freshwater fish of
7 the State of North Carolina."

8 **SECTION 7.** This act is effective when it becomes law.