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Short Title: Various Special License Plates.
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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES: AIR MEDAL RECIPIENT, ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, ARC OF NORTH CAROLINA, AUTISM SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA, BUDDY PELLETIER SURFING FOUNDATION, COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION, COLD WAR VETERAN, CORVETTE CLUB, GUILFORD BATTLEGROUND COMPANY, NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY, NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION, NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM, NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, SCUBA, SHARE THE ROAD, AND TARHEEL CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB.
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".

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, 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 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. The following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate. The
design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates must be approved by the Division and the State Highway Patrol for clarity and ease of identification.
(1) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
(2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
(3) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.
(4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail.
(5) NC Coastal Federation.
(6) In God We Trust.
(7) Stock Car Racing Theme.
(8) Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation.
(9) Guilford Battleground Company.
(10) National Wild Turkey Federation.
(11) North Carolina Aquarium Society."

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-79.4(a) reads as rewritten:
"(a) General. - Upon application and payment of the required registration fees, a person may obtain from the Division a special registration plate for a motor vehicle registered in that person's name if the person qualifies for the registration plate. $\underline{A}$ holder of a special registration plate who becomes ineligible for the plate, for whatever reason, must return the special plate within 30 days. A special registration plate may not be issued for a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan. A special registration plate may be issued for a commercial vehicle that is not registered under the International Registration Plan. A special registration plate may not be developed using a name or logo for which a trademark has been issued unless the holder of the trademark licenses, without charge, the State to use the name or logo on the special registration plate. A holder of a special registration plate who becomes ineligible for the plate, for whatever reason, must return the special plate within 30 days."

SECTION 3. G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:
"(b) Types. - The Division shall issue the following types of special registration plates:
(1b) Air Medal Recipient. - Issuable to the recipient of the Air Medal. The plate shall bear the emblem of the Air Medal and the words 'Air Medal'.
(1d) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. - Issuable to the owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the fraternity's symbol and name.
(3b) ARC of North Carolina. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the logo of The ARC of North Carolina, Inc., and the phrase "The ARC".
$(3 b)(3 \mathrm{c})$ Audubon North Carolina. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the

National Audubon Society, Inc., logo and a representation of a bird native to North Carolina.
(3d) Autism Society of North Carolina. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "Autism Society of North Carolina", the phrase "Providing Support, Promoting Opportunities", and the logo of the Autism Society.
(3e)(3e) 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.
(3e)(3f) Be Active NC. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "Be Active NC" and a representation of the "Be Active NC" logo.
(31) Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the words "Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation" and bear the logo of the Foundation.
(8d) Coastal Conservation Association. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 81.12. The plate shall bear the logo and name of the Coastal Conservation Association.
(8g) Cold War Veteran. - Issuable to a veteran of the armed services of the United States who served during the Cold War era, September 2, 1945, through December 26, 1991, and who was separated from the armed services under honorable conditions. The plate shall bear the words 'Cold War Veteran' and an insignia representing the Cold War era. The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.
(10e) Corvette Club. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate shall bear the flags logo of the Chevrolet Corvette. The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.
(16c) Guilford Battleground Company. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "Revolutionary" used by the Guilford Battleground Company and an image that depicts General Nathaniel Greene.
$(16 \mathrm{c})(16 \mathrm{~d})$ Harley Owners' Group. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall be designed in consultation with and approved by the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc., and shall bear the words and trademark of the "Harley Owners' Group". The Division shall not develop this plate unless the Harley Davidson Motor Company, Inc., licenses, without charge, the State to use the words and trademark of the Harley Owners' Group-on the plate.
(27b) Military Wartime Veteran. - Issuable to either a member or veteran of the armed services of the United States who served during a period of war. If the person is a veteran of the armed services, then the veteran must be separated from the armed services under honorable conditions. The plate shall bear a word or phrase identifying the period of war and a replica of the campaign badge or medal awarded for that war. Except for World War II and Korean Conflict plates, the Division may not issue a plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for that plate. A "period of war" is any of the following:
a. World War I, meaning the period beginning April 16, 1917, and ending November 11, 1918.
b. World War II, meaning the period beginning December 7, 1941, and ending December 31, 1946.
c. The Korean Conflict, meaning the period beginning June 27, 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. Operation Enduring Freedom, meaning the period beginning October 24, 2001, and ending at a date to be determined.
g. Operation Iraqi Freedom, meaning the period beginning March 19, 2003, and ending at a date to be determined.
f.h. Any other campaign, expedition, or engagement for which the United States Department of Defense authorizes a campaign badge or medal.
> (27l) National Multiple Sclerosis Society. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall have the logo of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the telephone number "1-800-FIGHT MS" on the plate.
(28) National Rifle Association. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate shall bear a phrase or insignia representing
the National Rifle Association of America. The Division shall not use the name and logo of the National Rifle Association of America on the plate unless the National Rifle Association of America licenses, without charge, the State to use the name and logo on the plate. The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the plate before it may be developed.
(28c) National Wild Turkey Federation. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate shall bear the design of a strutting wild turkey and dogwood blossoms and the words 'Working For The Wild Turkey.' The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the plate before it may be developed.
(28a)(28f) Native American. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate may bear a phrase or an insignia representing Native Americans. The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the plate before it may be developed.
 in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the logo of the North Carolina Agribusiness Council, Inc., and the phrase "NC's \#1 Industry".
$(28 d)(28 m)$ NC Coastal Federation. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear a phrase used by the North Carolina Coastal Federation and an image that depicts the coastal area of the State.
$(28 e)(28 r)$ 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.
$(28 \mathrm{~g})(28 \mathrm{u})$ Nurses. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "First in Nursing" and a representation relating to nursing.
(34) Professional Sports Fan. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate shall bear the logo of a professional sports team located in North Carolina. The Division shall receive 300 or more applications for a professional sports fan plate before a plate may be issued. The Division shall not develop a professional sports fan plate unless the professional sports team licenses, without charge, the State to use the official team logo on the plate.
(35d) Red Hat Society. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate shall bear a representation of The Red Hat Society. The Division shall not use the name and logo of The Red Hat Society, Inc., on the plate unless The Red Hat Society, Inc., licenses, without charge, the State to use the name and logo on the plate. The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the plate before it may be developed.
(38c) Share the Road. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear a representation of a bicycle and the phrase 'Share the Road'.
(38f) SCUBA. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "SCUBA" and a logo of the Diver Down Flag.
(45h) Tarheel Classic Thunderbird Club. - Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate shall bear the logo of the Tarheel Classic Thunderbird Club and the phrase "Tarheel Classic Thunderbird Club". The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate."
SECTION 4. 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:

Special Plate
Coastal Conservation Association
Additional Fee Amount
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
Share the Road $\quad \underline{\$ 30.00}$
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 $\quad \$ 25.00$
National Multiple Sclerosis Society $\quad \$ 25.00$
National Wild Turkey Federation $\$ 25.00$
NC Agribusiness \$25.00
NC Coastal Federation $\$ 25.00$
Nurses \$25.00
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
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity $\quad \underline{\$ 20.00}$
Animal Lovers $\quad \$ 20.00$
ARC of North Carolina $\quad \underline{\$ 20.00}$
Audubon North Carolina $\quad \$ 20.00$
Autism Society of North Carolina $\quad \$ 20.00$
Be Active NC $\$ 20.00$
Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation $\$ 20.00$
Daughters of the American Revolution $\quad \$ 20.00$
Ducks Unlimited \$20.00
First in Forestry $\quad \$ 30.00$
Guilford Battleground Company $\quad \$ 20.00$
Harley Owners' Group \$20.00
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 $\$ 20.00$
SCUBA $\$ 20.00$
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."890,





















SECTION 5. 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:

| Special Plate | SRPA | CCAPA | NHTF | PRTF |
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| Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity | \$10 | \$10 | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
| Animal Lovers | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| ARC of North Carolina | \$10 | \$10 | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
| Audubon North Carolina | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Autism Society of North Carolina | \$10 | \$10 | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
| Be Active NC | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation | \$10 | \$10 | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
| Buffalo Soldiers | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| Coastal Conservation Association | \$10 | \$20 | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
| Crystal Coast | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| Daughters of the American |  |  |  |  |
| Revolution | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Ducks Unlimited | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| El Pueblo | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| First in Forestry | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| Goodness Grows | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| Guilford Battleground Company | \$10 | \$10 | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
| Harley Owners' Group | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| High School Insignia | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| Historical Attraction | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| HOMES4NC | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| In God We Trust | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| 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 |
| National Multiple Sclerosis Society | \$10 | \$15 | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
| National Wild Turkey Federation | \$10 | \$15 | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
| NC Agribusiness | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| NC Coastal Federation | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| NC 4-H Development Fund | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| 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 |

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SECTION 6. G.S. 20-81.12(b2) reads as rewritten:
"(b2) State Attraction Plates. - The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a State attraction plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of State attraction plates to the organizations named below in proportion to the number of State attraction plates sold representing that organization:
(1) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. - The revenue derived from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation for use in promoting and preserving the Blue Ridge Parkway as a scenic attraction in North Carolina.
(1a) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. - The revenue derived from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Inc., to be used for educational materials, preservation programs, capital improvements for the portion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park that is located in North Carolina, and operating expenses of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
(1b) Friends of the Appalachian Trail. - The revenue derived from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to The Appalachian Trail Conference to be used for educational materials, preservation programs, trail maintenance, trailway and viewshed acquisitions, trailway and viewshed easement acquisitions, capital improvements
for the portions of the Appalachian Trail and connecting trails that are located in North Carolina, and related administrative and operating expenses.
(1c) The North Carolina Aquariums. - The revenue derived from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the North Carolina Aquarium Society, Inc., for its programs in support of the North Carolina Aquariums.
(1c) The North Carolina Arboretum. - The revenue derived from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to The North Carolina Arboretum Society and used to help the Society obtain grants for the North Carolina Arboretum and for capital improvements to the North Carolina Arboretum.
(1d) The North Carolina Maritime Museum. - The revenue derived from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to Friends of the Museum, North Carolina Maritime Museum, Inc., to be used for educational programs and conservation programs and for operating expenses of the North Carolina Maritime Museum.
(1e) The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. - The revenue derived from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the Friends of the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences for its programs in support of the museum.
(2) The North Carolina Zoological Society. - The revenue derived from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to The North Carolina Zoological Society, Incorporated, to be used for educational programs and conservation programs at the North Carolina Zoo at Asheboro and for operating expenses of the North Carolina Zoo at Asheboro."
SECTION 7. G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding the following new subsections to read:
"(b39) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. - The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity 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 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity plates to the Association of North Carolina Alphamen (ANCA) Educational Foundation for scholarships for the benefit of African-American males in ANCA attending accredited North Carolina colleges and universities.
(b40) ARC of North Carolina. - The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the Arc of North Carolina 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 Arc of North Carolina plates to The Arc of North Carolina, Inc., for its programs in support of retarded citizens in North Carolina.
(b41) Autism Society of North Carolina. - The Division must receive 300 or more applications for an Autism Society of North Carolina plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Autism Society of North

Carolina plates to the Autism Society of North Carolina, Inc., for support services to individuals with autism and their families.
(b42) Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation. - The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation 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 Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation to the Foundation to fund the Foundation's scholastic and humanitarian aid programs.
(b43) Coastal Conservation Association. - The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the Coastal Conservation Association 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 Coastal Conservation Association plates to the Division of Marine Fisheries for its conservation programs.
(b44) Guilford Battleground Company. - The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a Guilford Battleground Company 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 Guilford Battleground Company plates to the Guilford Battleground Company for its programs.
(b45) National Multiple Sclerosis Society. - The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society 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 National Multiple Sclerosis Society plates to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for its public awareness programs.
(b46) National Wild Turkey Federation. - The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the National Wild Turkey Federation 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 National Wild Turkey Federation plates to the North Carolina State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation for special projects to benefit the public.
(b47) SCUBA. - The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the SCUBA plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Plate Account derived for the sale of the SCUBA plates to the Division of Marine Fisheries for the purpose of developing the State's artificial reefs.
(b48) Share the Road. - The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the Share the Road 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 Share the Road plates to the Department of Transportation, Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation, for its programs."

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

