

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 143**

Short Title: NC FIRST Robotics Special Plate. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Tarte (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Finance.

February 28, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE FOR NC FIRST (FOR INSPIRATION AND RECOGNITION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) ROBOTICS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** 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:

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( ) NC FIRST Robotics. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the logo of NC FIRST Robotics and the phrase "NC FIRST Robotics."

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**SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-79.7. Fees for special registration plates and distribution of the fees.

(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge a single Legion of Valor, 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of War registration plate to a recipient of a Legion of Valor award, a 100% disabled veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war each year. The preceding special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration fees in G.S. 20-88, if the registered weight of the vehicle is greater than 6,000 pounds. All other special registration 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	Additional Fee Amount
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NC Coastal Federation	\$30.00
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<u>NC FIRST Robotics</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
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NC Veterinary Medical Association	\$30.00
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**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) of this section 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>
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2	NC 4-H Development Fund	\$10	\$20	0	0
3	<u>NC FIRST Robotics</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4	NC Fisheries Association	\$10	\$10	0	0
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6           **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7           "(b126) NC FIRST Robotics. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for  
8 an NC FIRST Robotics plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer  
9 quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the  
10 sale of NC FIRST Robotics plates to NC FIRST Robotics to support its mission of inspiring  
11 youths to pursue further studies and careers in science and technology and helping students  
12 acquire the knowledge and skills needed to compete in the technologically driven global  
13 economy."

14           **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.