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SENATE BILL 659

Short Title: Sheriffs' Association Special Plate. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Newton (Primary Sponsor); D. Davis, Stein, Van Duyn, and Woodard.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 30, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-63(b1) reads as rewritten:

"(b1) The following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate or "First in Freedom" plate as provided in subsection (b) of this section. The design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates or "First in Freedom" plates must be developed in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a3). For special plates authorized in G.S. 20-79.7 on or after July 1, 2013, the Division may not issue the plate on a background under this subsection unless it receives at least 200 applications for the plate in addition to the applications required under G.S. 20-79.4 or G.S. 20-81.12.

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(48) Alpha Phi Alpha.

(49) North Carolina Sheriffs' Association."

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

"(Q) North Carolina Sheriffs' Association. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase and logo selected by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, Inc."

SECTION 3. G.S. 20-79.7 reads as rewritten:

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

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(a1) Fees. – 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:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
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North Carolina Paddle Festival	\$30.00
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<u>North Carolina Sheriffs' Association</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
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(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 Clean Water Management Trust Fund



(CWMTF), which is established under G.S. 113A-253, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

Special Plate	SRPA	CCAPA	CWMTF	PRTF
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North Carolina Paddle Festival	\$10	\$20	0	0
<u>North Carolina Sheriffs' Association</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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SECTION 4. G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(b149) North Carolina Sheriffs' Association. – The applicable requirements of G.S. 20-79.3A must be met before a North Carolina Sheriffs' Association plate may be developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of North Carolina Sheriffs' Association plates to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, Inc. to support the operating expenses of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association."

SECTION 5. The Revisor of Statutes is authorized to alphabetize, number, and renumber the special registration plates listed in G.S. 20-79.4(b) to ensure that all the special registration plates are listed in alphabetical order and numbered accordingly.

SECTION 6. This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.