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HOUSE BILL 1051

Short Title: "State of the Arts" Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Colton; Bowman and Gottovi.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR "STATE OF THE ARTS" REGISTRATION PLATES
2 AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF THE PROCEEDS FROM
3 THE SALES OF THESE SPECIALIZED REGISTRATION PLATES.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

9 (1) Administrative Officer of the Courts. – Issuable to the Director of the
10 Administrative Office of the Courts. The plate shall bear the phrase 'J-
11 20'.

12 (2) Amateur Radio Operator. – Issuable to an amateur radio operator who
13 holds an unexpired and unrevoked amateur radio license issued by the
14 Federal Communications Commission and who asserts to the Division
15 that a portable transceiver is carried in the vehicle. The plate shall bear
16 the phrase 'Amateur Radio.' The plate shall bear the operator's official
17 amateur radio call letters, or call letters with numerical or letter
18 suffixes so that an owner of more than one vehicle may have the call
19 letters on each.

20 (3) Civil Air Patrol Member. – Issuable to an active member of the North
21 Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. The plate shall bear the phrase
22 'Civil Air Patrol'. A plate issued to an officer member shall begin with
23 the number '201' and the number shall reflect the seniority of the

- 1 member; a plate issued to an enlisted member, a senior member, or a
2 cadet member shall begin with the number '501'.
- 3 (4) Class D Citizen's Radio Station Operator. – Issuable to a Class D
4 citizen's radio station operator licensed by the Federal
5 Communications Commission. The plate shall bear the operator's
6 official Class D citizen's radio station call letters.
- 7 (5) Clerk of Superior Court. – Issuable to a clerk of superior court. The
8 plate shall bear the phrase 'Clerk Superior Court' and the letter 'C'
9 followed by a number that indicates the county the clerk serves.
- 10 (6) Coast Guard Auxiliary Member. – Issuable to an active member of the
11 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. The plate shall bear the phrase
12 'Coast Guard Auxiliary'.
- 13 (6a) Collegiate Insignia Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
14 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase
15 or an insignia representing a public or private college or university.
- 16 (7) Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of
17 the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- 18 (8) Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of the
19 United States who suffered a 100% service-connected disability.
- 20 (9) District Attorney. – Issuable to a North Carolina or United States
21 District Attorney. The plate issuable to a North Carolina district
22 attorney shall bear the letters 'DA' followed by a number that
23 represents the prosecutorial district the district attorney serves. The
24 plate for a United States attorney shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Attorney'
25 followed by a number that represents the district the attorney serves,
26 with 1 being the Eastern District, 2 being the Middle District, and 3
27 being the Western District.
- 28 (10) Fire Department or Rescue Squad Member. – Issuable to an active
29 regular member or volunteer member of a fire department, rescue
30 squad, or both a fire department and rescue squad. The plate shall bear
31 the words 'Firefighter', 'Rescue Squad', or 'Firefighter-Rescue Squad'.
- 32 (11) Historic Vehicle Owner. – Issuable for a motor vehicle that is at least
33 35 years old measured from the date of manufacture. The plate for a
34 vehicle that is 35 to 50 years old shall bear the phrase 'Antique'. The
35 plate for a vehicle that is at least 50 years old shall bear the phrase
36 'Horseless Carriage'.
- 37 (11a) Historical Attraction Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a
38 motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may
39 bear a phrase or an insignia representing a publicly owned or
40 nonprofit historical attraction located in North Carolina.
- 41 (12) Honorary Plate. – Issuable to a member of the Honorary ~~Consular~~
42 Consular Corps, who has been certified by the U. S. State
43 Department, the plate shall bear the words 'Honorary ~~Consular~~

- 1 Consular Corps' and a distinguishing number based on the order of
2 issuance.
- 3 (13) Judge or Justice. – Issuable to a sitting or retired judge or justice in
4 accordance with G.S. 20-79.6.
- 5 (14) Legislator. – Issuable to a member of the North Carolina General
6 Assembly. The plate shall bear the words 'Senate' or 'State House'
7 followed by the Senator's or Representative's assigned seat number.
- 8 (15) Marshal. – Issuable to a United States Marshal. The plate shall bear
9 the phrase 'U.S. Marshal' followed by a number that represents the
10 district the Marshal serves, with 1 being the Eastern District, 2
11 being the Middle District, and 3 being the Western District.
- 12 (16) Military Reservist. – Issuable to a member of a reserve component
13 of the armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the
14 name and insignia of the appropriate reserve component. Plates
15 shall be numbered sequentially for members of a component with
16 the numbers 1 through 5000 reserved for officers, without regard to
17 rank.
- 18 (16a) Military Retiree. – Issuable to an individual who has retired from
19 the armed forces of the United States. The plate shall bear the
20 phrase ' U.S. Armed Forces Retired' and the name of the branch of
21 service from which the individual retired.
- 22 (17) National Guard Member. – Issuable to an active or a retired
23 member of the North Carolina National Guard. The plate shall bear
24 the phrase 'National Guard'. A plate issued to an active member
25 shall bear a number that reflects the seniority of the member; a
26 plate issued to a commissioned officer shall begin with the number
27 '1'; a plate issued to a noncommissioned officer with a rank of E7,
28 E8, or E9 shall begin with the number '1601'; a plate issued to an
29 enlisted member with a rank of E6 or below shall begin with the
30 number '3001'. The plate issued to a retired or separated member
31 shall indicate the member's retired status.
- 32 (18) Partially Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed
33 forces of the United States who suffered a service connected
34 disability of less than 100%.
- 35 (19) Pearl Harbor Survivor. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces
36 of the United States who was present at and survived the attack on
37 Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The plate will bear the phrase
38 'Pearl Harbor Survivor' and the insignia of the Pearl Harbor
39 Survivors' Association.
- 40 (20) Personalized. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle.
41 The plate will bear the letters or letters and numbers requested by
42 the owner. The Division may refuse to issue a plate with a letter
43 combination that is offensive to good taste and decency. The
44 Division may not issue a plate that duplicates another plate.

- 1 (21) Prisoner of War. – Issuable to a member or veteran member of the
- 2 armed forces of the United States who has been captured and held
- 3 prisoner by forces hostile to the United States while serving in the
- 4 armed forces.
- 5 (22) Purple Heart Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the Purple Heart
- 6 award. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Purple Heart Veteran,
- 7 Combat Wounded' and the letters 'PH'.
- 8 (22a) 'State of the Arts.' – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
- 9 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The background of the
- 10 plate shall be an abstract design of areas in turquoise and green on
- 11 a field of blue and shall bear the words 'State of the Arts.'
- 12 (23) State Government Official. – Issuable to elected and appointed
- 13 members of State government in accordance with G.S. 20-79.5.
- 14 (24) Street Rod Owner. – Issuable to the registered owner of a
- 15 modernized private passenger motor vehicle manufactured prior to
- 16 the year 1949 or designed to resemble a vehicle manufactured prior
- 17 to the year 1949. The plate shall bear the phrase 'Street Rod'.
- 18 (25) Transportation Personnel. – Issuable to various members of the
- 19 Divisions of the Department of Transportation. The plate shall bear
- 20 the letters 'DOT' followed by a number from 1 to 85, as designated
- 21 by the Governor.
- 22 (26) U.S. Representative. – Issuable to a United States Representative
- 23 for North Carolina. The plate shall bear the phrase 'U.S. House' and
- 24 shall be issued on the basis of Congressional district numbers.
- 25 (27) U.S. Senator. – Issuable to a United States Senator for North
- 26 Carolina. The plates shall bear the phrase 'U.S. Senate' and shall be
- 27 issued on the basis of seniority represented by the numbers 1 and
- 28 2."

29 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

30 "(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge one

31 registration plate to a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, a 100% disabled

32 veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration plates are subject to

33 the regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional

34 fee in the following amount:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
36 Historical Attraction	\$30.00
37 Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
38 <u>State of the Arts</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
39 Personalized	\$20.00
40 All other Special Plates	\$10.00
41 Active Member of the National Guard	None".

42 Sec. 3. G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

43 "(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate ~~Account and Account,~~

44 the Collegiate and Historical Attraction Plate ~~Account Account,~~ and the State of the Arts

1 Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division must credit the
 2 additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed in subsection (a) among
 3 the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and Historical Attraction
 4 Plate Account (CHAPA), ~~and~~ the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Fund
 5 (RNHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, and the State of the Arts Account
 6 (SAA) as follows:

Special Plate	SRPA	CHAPA	RNHTF	<u>SAA</u>	
8 Historical Attraction			\$10	\$20	0 <u>0</u>
9 In-State Collegiate Insignia			\$10	\$15	0 <u>0</u>
10 Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia			\$10	0	\$15 <u>0</u>
11 <u>State of the Arts</u>			<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> <u>\$15</u>
12 Personalized			\$10	0	\$10 <u>0</u>
13 All other Special Plates			\$10	0	0
14			<u>0</u> ".		

15 Sec. 4. G.S. 20-81.12 reads as rewritten:

16 "**§ 20-81.12. Collegiate insignia plates, ~~high school insignia plates, and historical~~**
 17 **attraction plates, plates, and 'State of the Arts' plates.**

18 (a) Collegiate Insignia Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more
 19 applications for a collegiate insignia license plate for a college or university before a
 20 collegiate license plate may be developed. The color, design, and material for the plate
 21 must be approved by both the Division and the alumni or alumnae association of the
 22 appropriate college or university. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the
 23 Collegiate and Historical Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of in-State
 24 collegiate insignia plates to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina
 25 for in-State, public colleges and universities and to the respective board of trustees for
 26 in-State, private colleges and universities in proportion to the number of collegiate
 27 plates sold representing that institution for use for academic enhancement.

28 (b) Historical Attraction Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more
 29 applications for an historical attraction plate representing a publicly owned or nonprofit
 30 historical attraction located in North Carolina and listed below before the plate may be
 31 developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and
 32 Historical Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of historical attraction plates
 33 to the organizations named below in proportion to the number of historical attraction
 34 plates sold representing that organization:

35 (1) Historical Attraction Within Historic District. – The revenue derived
 36 from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the appropriate
 37 Historic Preservation Commission, or entity designated as the Historic
 38 Preservation Commission, and used to maintain property in the historic
 39 district in which the attraction is located. As used in this subdivision,
 40 the term "historic district" means a district created under G.S. 160A-
 41 400.4.

42 (2) Nonprofit Historical Attraction. – The revenue derived from the
 43 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the nonprofit corporation

1 that is responsible for maintaining the attraction for which the plate is
2 issued and used to develop and operate the attraction.

3 (3) State Historic Site. – The revenue derived from the special plate shall
4 be transferred quarterly to the Department of Cultural Resources and
5 used to develop and operate the site for which the plate is issued. As
6 used in this subdivision, the term 'State historic site' has the same
7 meaning as in G.S. 121-2(11).

8 (b1) 'State of the Arts' Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more
9 applications for a 'State of the Arts' license plate before a 'State of the Arts' license plate
10 may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the State of the
11 Arts Plate Account derived from the sale of 'State of the Arts' plates to the Division of
12 the Arts Council, Department of Cultural Resources, for use in its grants program. An
13 applicant may combine a request for a 'State of the Arts' license plate and a Collegiate
14 Insignia plate by paying the additional fee amount for each of the plates. The
15 distribution of the additional fee shall be as for each type of plate pursuant to G.S. 20-
16 79.2(b).

17 (c) General. – An application for a special license plate named in this section
18 may be made at any time during the year. If the application is made to replace an
19 existing current valid plate, the special plate must be issued with the appropriate decals
20 attached. No refund shall be made to the applicant for any unused portion remaining on
21 the original plate. The request for a special license plate named in this section may be
22 combined with a request that the plate be a personalized license plate.

23 (d) through (g) Repealed by Session Laws 1991".

24 Sec. 5. This act becomes effective October 1, 1993.