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SENATE BILL 754*

Short Title: Stock Car Racing Theme Special Plates. (Public)

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Referred to: Finance.

April 3, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE STOCK CAR RACING THEME SPECIAL PLATES.

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:

...

(35a) Stock Car Racing Theme. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle pursuant to G.S. 20-81.12. This is a series of plates bearing an emblem, seal, other symbol or design displaying themes of professional stock car auto racing, or professional stock car auto racing drivers. The Division shall not develop any plate in the series without a license to use copyrighted or registered words, symbols, trademarks, or designs associated with the plate. The Division may contract with any person authorized to provide the State with the license to use the words, symbols, trademarks, or designs associated with the plate. The Division or the Department of Correction may contract for the production of the blank plates in this series to be issued by the Division, provided the plates meet or exceed the State's specifications. The plate shall be designed in consultation with and approved by the person authorized to provide the State with the license to use the words, symbols, trademarks, or designs associated with the plate. The background color and design shall allow the numbers on the face of the plate to be readily distinguished."

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

2 "**§ 20-79.7. Fees for special registration plates and distribution of the fees.**

3 (a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge one
4 registration plate to a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, a 100% disabled
5 veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration plates, including
6 additional Congressional Medal of Honor, 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of
7 War plates, are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or
8 G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

9 <u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
10 Historical Attraction	\$30.00
11 State Attraction	\$30.00
12 Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
13 Goodness Grows	\$25.00
14 Kids First	\$25.00
15 Olympic Games	\$25.00
16 NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
17 Special Olympics	\$25.00
18 The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
19 University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
20 Animal Lovers	\$20.00
21 Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
22 Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
23 Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
24 First in Forestry	\$20.00
25 Litter Prevention	\$20.00
26 March of Dimes	\$20.00
27 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
28 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00
29 Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
30 Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
31 School Technology	\$20.00
32 Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
33 Special Forces Association	\$20.00
34 Support Public Schools	\$20.00
35 <u>Stock Car Racing Theme</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
36 Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
37 Personalized	\$20.00
38 Active Member of the National Guard	None
39 100% Disabled Veteran	None
40 Ex-Prisoner of War	None
41 Legion of Valor	None
42 Purple Heart Recipient	None
43 Silver Star Recipient	None
44 All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

1 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

2 "(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the
3 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway
4 Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration
5 plates listed in subsection (a) among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the
6 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), and the Natural Heritage
7 Trust Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, as follows:

8	9 <u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>
10	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0
11	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0
12	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0
13	First in Forestry	\$10	0	\$10
14	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0
15	(Effective until June 30, 2006)			
16	Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0
17	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
18	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
19	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0
20	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0
21	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0
22	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0
23	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0
24	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0
25	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15
26	Personalized	\$10	0	\$10
27	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$10	\$15	0
28	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0
29	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0
30	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0
31	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0
32	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0
33	Special Olympics	\$10	\$10	0
34	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
35	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0
36	<u>Stock Car Racing Theme</u>	<u>\$30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
37	The V Foundation for Cancer Research	\$10	\$15	0
38	University Health Systems of Eastern			
39	Carolina	\$10	\$15	0
40	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
41	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0."

42 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

43 "**(b24) Stock Car Racing Theme.** – The Division may issue any plate in this series
44 without a minimum number of applications if the person providing the State with the

1 license to use the words, logos, trademarks, or designs associated with the plate
2 produces the plate for the State without a minimum order quantity. Except for
3 personalized plates, the Division shall assign all plates issued pursuant to this
4 subdivision with random numbering or lettering. The cost of the racing theme special
5 registration plate shall include all costs to produce blank plates for issuance by the
6 Division, as provided in any agreement authorized by G.S. 20-79.4(b)(35a)."

7 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-85(a) reads as rewritten:

8 "(a) The following fees are imposed concerning a certificate of title, a registration
9 card, or a registration plate for a motor vehicle. These fees are payable to the Division
10 and are in addition to the tax imposed by Article 5A of Chapter 105 of the General
11 Statutes.

- 12 (1) Each application for certificate of title..... \$35.00
- 13 (2) Each application for duplicate or
14 corrected certificate of title..... 10.00
- 15 (3) Each application of reposessor for
16 certificate of title 10.00
- 17 (4) Each transfer of registration 10.00
- 18 (5) Each set of replacement registration
19 plates..... 10.00
- 20 (6) Each application for duplicate registration
21 card 10.00
- 22 (7) Each application for recording supplementary
23 lien 10.00
- 24 (8) Each application for removing a lien from a
25 certificate of title 10.00
- 26 (9) Each application for certificate of title for a
27 motor vehicle transferred to a manufacturer,
28 as defined in G.S. 20-286, or a motor vehicle
29 retailer for the purpose of resale..... 10.00
- 30 (10) Each application for a salvage certificate of title
31 made by an insurer ~~10.00~~10.00
- 32 (11) Each set of replacement registration plates
33 issued pursuant to G.S. 20-79.4(b)(35a) 25.00."

34 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 20-63(b) reads as rewritten:

35 "(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number
36 assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina,
37 which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of
38 expiration. A plate issued for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), and
39 weighing 26,001 pounds or more, must bear the word "commercial," unless the plate is
40 a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4 or the commercial vehicle is a
41 trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less. The plate issued for vehicles licensed for
42 7,000 pounds through 26,000 pounds must bear the word "weighted".

43 A registration plate issued by the Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a
44 private hauler vehicle licensed for 6,000 pounds or less, other than a Friends of the

1 Great Smoky Mountains National Park special registration ~~plate or plate,~~ a Rocky
2 Mountain Elk Foundation special registration ~~plate~~ plate, or a Stock Car Racing Theme
3 special registration plate, shall be a "First in Flight" plate. A "First in Flight" plate shall
4 have the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and
5 numerals. The background of the plate shall depict the Wright Brothers biplane flying
6 over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly upward and to the right."

7 **SECTION 7.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2004.