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Short Title: Authorize Various Special Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 17, 2012

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE VARIOUS
3 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

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8 () Flag of the United States of America. – Issuable to the registered owner of a
9 motor vehicle. The plate shall bear an image of a waving American flag. The
10 Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it
11 receives at least 300 applications for the plate.

12 ...

13 () Municipality Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in
14 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear a graphic selected by the
15 municipality represented by the plate and approved by the Division.

16 ...

17 () North Carolina Cattlemen's Association. – Issuable to the registered owner
18 of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the
19 seal of the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association.

20 ...

21 (172) Register of Deeds. – Issuable to a register of deeds. The plate shall bear the
22 words "Register of Deeds" and the letter "R" followed by a number
23 representing the county of the register of deeds. The number of a county
24 shall be the order of the county in an alphabetical list of counties that assigns
25 number one to the first county in the list. A plate issued to a retired register
26 of deeds shall bear the phrase "Register of Deeds, Retired," followed by a
27 number that indicates the county where the register of deeds served and a
28 designation indicating the retired status of the register of deeds.

29 ...

30 () RiverLink. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in
31 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase
32 "RiverLink.org" and a logo representing RiverLink, Inc.

33 ...

34 (224) Vietnam Veterans of America. – Issuable to a member of the Vietnam
35 Veterans of America. The plate shall bear the words "Vietnam Veterans of



America" or "VVA" and the emblem of the VVA. A person may obtain from the Division a special registration plate under this subdivision for a motor vehicle or a motorcycle registered in that person's name. The registration fees and the restrictions on the issuance of a specialized registration plate for a motorcycle are the same as for any motor vehicle. The Division may not issue either type of the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the particular type of plate.

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

"(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
American Red Cross	\$30.00
Animal Lovers	\$30.00
Arthritis Foundation	\$30.00
ARTS NC	\$30.00
Back Country Horsemen of NC	\$30.00
Boy Scouts of America	\$30.00
Brenner Children's Hospital	\$30.00
Carolina Raptor Center	\$30.00
Carolinas Credit Union Foundation	\$30.00
Carolinas Golf Association	\$30.00
Coastal Conservation Association	\$30.00
Coastal Land Trust	\$30.00
Crystal Coast	\$30.00
Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden	\$30.00
El Pueblo	\$30.00
Farmland Preservation	\$30.00
First in Forestry	\$30.00
Girl Scouts	\$30.00
Greensboro Symphony Guild	\$30.00
Historical Attraction	\$30.00
Home Care and Hospice	\$30.00
Home of American Golf	\$30.00
HOMES4NC	\$30.00
Hospice Care	\$30.00
In God We Trust	\$30.00
Maggie Valley Trout Festival	\$30.00
Mountains-to-Sea Trail	\$30.00
NC Civil War	\$30.00
NC Coastal Federation	\$30.00
NC Veterinary Medical Association	\$30.00
National Kidney Foundation	\$30.00
North Carolina 4-H Development Fund	\$30.00
<u>North Carolina Cattlemen's Association</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
North Carolina Emergency Management Association	\$30.00

1	North Carolina Green Industry Council	\$30.00
2	North Carolina Libraries	\$30.00
3	Outer Banks Preservation Association	\$30.00
4	Pamlico-Tar River Foundation	\$30.00
5	P.E.O. Sisterhood	\$30.00
6	Personalized	\$30.00
7	Retired Legislator	\$30.00
8	<u>RiverLink</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
9	Ronald McDonald House	\$30.00
10	Share the Road	\$30.00
11	S.T.A.R.	\$30.00
12	State Attraction	\$30.00
13	Stock Car Racing Theme	\$30.00
14	Support NC Education	\$30.00
15	Support Our Troops	\$30.00
16	Toastmasters Club	\$30.00
17	Topsail Island Shoreline Protection	\$30.00
18	Travel and Tourism	\$30.00
19	AIDS Awareness	\$25.00
20	Buffalo Soldiers	\$25.00
21	Choose Life	\$25.00
22	Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
23	First in Turf	\$25.00
24	Goodness Grows	\$25.00
25	High School Insignia	\$25.00
26	Kids First	\$25.00
27	National Multiple Sclerosis Society	\$25.00
28	National Wild Turkey Federation	\$25.00
29	NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
30	NC Children's Promise	\$25.00
31	Nurses	\$25.00
32	Olympic Games	\$25.00
33	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00
34	Special Olympics	\$25.00
35	Support Soccer	\$25.00
36	Surveyor Plate	\$25.00
37	The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
38	University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
39	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	\$20.00
40	ALS Association, Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter	\$20.00
41	ARC of North Carolina	\$20.00
42	Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
43	Autism Society of North Carolina	\$20.00
44	Battle of Kings Mountain	\$20.00
45	Be Active NC	\$20.00
46	Brain Injury Awareness	\$20.00
47	Breast Cancer Earlier Detection	\$20.00
48	Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation	\$20.00
49	Concerned Bikers Association/ABATE of North Carolina	\$20.00
50	Daughters of the American Revolution	\$20.00
51	Donate Life	\$20.00

1	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
2	Greyhound Friends of North Carolina	\$20.00
3	Guilford Battleground Company	\$20.00
4	Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
5	Jaycees	\$20.00
6	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	\$20.00
7	Kappa Alpha Order	\$20.00
8	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
9	March of Dimes	\$20.00
10	Morgan Horse Club	\$20.00
11	<u>Municipality Plate</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
12	Native American	\$20.00
13	NC Fisheries Association	\$20.00
14	NC Horse Council	\$20.00
15	NC Mining	\$20.00
16	NC Tennis Foundation	\$20.00
17	NC Trout Unlimited	\$20.00
18	NC Victim Assistance	\$20.00
19	NC Wildlife Federation	\$20.00
20	NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation	\$20.00
21	NC Youth Soccer Association	\$20.00
22	North Carolina Master Gardener	\$20.00
23	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
24	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity	\$20.00
25	Piedmont Airlines	\$20.00
26	Prince Hall Mason	\$20.00
27	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
28	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
29	School Technology	\$20.00
30	SCUBA	\$20.00
31	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
32	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
33	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
34	Sustainable Fisheries	\$20.00
35	US Equine Rescue League	\$20.00
36	USO of NC	\$20.00
37	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
38	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$20.00
39	Carolina Regional Volleyball Association	\$15.00
40	Carolina's Aviation Museum	\$15.00
41	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	\$15.00
42	Lung Cancer Research	\$15.00
43	NC Beekeepers	\$15.00
44	Shag Dancing	\$15.00
45	Active Member of the National Guard	None
46	100% Disabled Veteran	None
47	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
48	Gold Star Lapel Button	None
49	Legion of Valor	None
50	Purple Heart Recipient	None
51	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 Collegiate
3 and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division
4 must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed in subsection (a)
5 of this section among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and
6 Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Natural Heritage Trust Fund (NHTF), which
7 is established under G.S. 113-77.7, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is
8 established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

9	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
10	AIDS Awareness	\$10	\$15	0	0
11	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
12	ALS Association, Jim "Catfish"				
13	Hunter Chapter	\$10	\$10	0	0
14	American Red Cross	\$10	\$20	0	0
15	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$20	0	0
16	ARC of North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
17	Arthritis Foundation	\$10	\$20	0	0
18	ARTS NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
19	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
20	Autism Society of North				
21	Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
22	Back Country Horsemen of NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
23	Battle of Kings Mountain	\$10	\$10	0	0
24	Be Active NC	\$10	\$10	0	0
25	Boy Scouts of America	\$10	\$20	0	0
26	Brain Injury Awareness	\$10	\$10	0	0
27	Breast Cancer Earlier Detection	\$10	\$10	0	0
28	Brenner Children's Hospital	\$10	\$20	0	0
29	Buddy Pelletier Surfing				
30	Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
31	Buffalo Soldiers	\$10	\$15	0	0
32	Carolina Raptor Center	\$10	\$20	0	0
33	Carolina Regional Volleyball				
34	Association	\$10	\$5	0	0
35	Carolina's Aviation Museum	\$10	\$5	0	0
36	Carolinas Credit Union				
37	Foundation	\$10	\$20	0	0
38	Carolinas Golf Association	\$10	\$20	0	0
39	Choose Life	\$10	\$15	0	0
40	Coastal Conservation				
41	Association	\$10	\$20	0	0
42	Coastal Land Trust	\$10	\$20	0	0
43	Concerned Bikers Association/				
44	ABATE of North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
45	Crystal Coast	\$10	\$20	0	0
46	Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens	\$10	\$20	0	0
47	Daughters of the American				
48	Revolution	\$10	\$10	0	0
49	Donate Life	\$10	\$10	0	0
50	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
51	El Pueblo	\$10	\$20	0	0

1	Farmland Preservation	\$10	\$20	0	0
2	First in Forestry	\$10	\$10	\$10	0
3	First in Turf	\$10	\$15	0	0
4	Girl Scouts	\$10	\$20	0	0
5	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0	0
6	Greensboro Symphony Guild	\$10	\$20	0	0
7	Greyhound Friends of North				
8	Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
9	Guilford Battleground				
10	Company	\$10	\$10	0	0
11	Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0	0
12	High School Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
13	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
14	Home Care and Hospice	\$10	\$20	0	0
15	Home of American Golf	\$10	\$20	0	0
16	HOMES4NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
17	Hospice Care	\$10	\$20	0	0
18	In God We Trust	\$10	\$20	0	0
19	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
20	Jaycees	\$10	\$10	0	0
21	Juvenile Diabetes Research				
22	Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
23	Kappa Alpha Order	\$10	\$10	0	0
24	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0	0
25	Leukemia & Lymphoma				
26	Society	\$10	\$5	0	0
27	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0	0
28	Lung Cancer Research	\$10	\$5	0	0
29	Maggie Valley Trout Festival	\$10	\$20	0	0
30	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0	0
31	Morgan Horse Club	\$10	\$20	0	0
32	Mountains-to-Sea Trail	\$10	\$20	0	0
33	<u>Municipality Plate</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
34	National Kidney Foundation	\$10	\$20	0	0
35	National Multiple Sclerosis				
36	Society	\$10	\$15	0	0
37	National Wild Turkey				
38	Federation	\$10	\$15	0	0
39	Native American	\$10	\$10	0	0
40	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0	0
41	NC Beekeepers	\$10	\$5	0	0
42	NC Children's Promise	\$10	\$15	0	0
43	NC Civil War	\$10	\$20	0	0
44	NC Coastal Federation	\$10	\$20	0	0
45	NC 4-H Development Fund	\$10	\$20	0	0
46	NC Fisheries Association	\$10	\$10	0	0
47	NC Horse Council	\$10	\$10	0	0
48	NC Mining	\$10	\$10	0	0
49	NC Tennis Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
50	NC Trout Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
51	NC Veterinary Medical				

1	Association	\$10	\$20	0	0
2	NC Victim Assistance	\$10	\$10	0	0
3	NC Wildlife Federation	\$10	\$10	0	0
4	NC Wildlife Habitat				
5	Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
6	NC Youth Soccer				
7	Association	\$10	\$10	0	0
8	<u>North Carolina Cattlemen's Association</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
9	North Carolina Emergency				
10	Management Association	\$10	\$20	0	0
11	North Carolina Green Industry				
12	Council	\$10	\$20	0	0
13	North Carolina Libraries	\$10	\$20	0	0
14	North Carolina Master Gardener	\$10	\$10	0	0
15	Nurses	\$10	\$15	0	0
16	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0	0
17	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
18	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15	0
19	Outer Banks Preservation				
20	Association	\$10	\$20	0	0
21	Pamlico-Tar River Foundation	\$10	\$20	0	0
22	P.E.O. Sisterhood	\$10	\$20	0	0
23	Personalized	\$10	0	\$15	\$5
24	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
25	Piedmont Airlines	\$10	\$10	0	0
26	Prince Hall Mason	\$10	\$10	0	0
27	Retired Legislator	\$10	\$20	0	0
28	<u>RiverLink</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
29	Rocky Mountain Elk				
30	Foundation	\$10	\$15	0	0
31	Ronald McDonald House	\$10	\$20	0	0
32	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0	0
33	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0	0
34	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0	0
35	SCUBA	\$10	\$10	0	0
36	Shag Dancing	\$10	\$5	0	0
37	Share the Road	\$10	\$20	0	0
38	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0	0
39	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0	0
40	Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0	0
41	S.T.A.R.	\$10	\$20	0	0
42	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
43	Stock Car Racing Theme	\$10	\$20	0	0
44	Support NC Education	\$10	\$20	0	0
45	Support Our Troops	\$10	\$20	0	0
46	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0	0
47	Support Soccer	\$10	\$15	0	0
48	Surveyor Plate	\$10	\$15	0	0
49	Sustainable Fisheries	\$10	\$20	0	0
50	The V Foundation for Cancer				
51	Research	\$10	\$15	0	0

1	Toastmasters Club	\$10	\$20	0	0
2	Topsail Island Shoreline				
3	Protection	\$10	\$20	0	0
4	Travel and Tourism	\$10	\$20	0	0
5	University Health Systems of				
6	Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0	0
7	US Equine Rescue League	\$10	\$10	0	0
8	USO of NC	\$10	\$10	0	0
9	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0	0
10	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$10	\$10	0	0
11	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0	0."

12 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-81.12(b2) reads as rewritten:

13 "(b2) State Attraction Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a
14 State attraction plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer quarterly
15 the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of
16 State attraction plates to the organizations named below in proportion to the number of State
17 attraction plates sold representing that organization:

- 18 (1) Aurora Fossil Museum. – The revenue derived from the special plate shall
19 be transferred quarterly to the Aurora Fossil Museum Foundation, Inc., to be
20 used for educational programs, for enhancing collections, and for operating
21 expenses of the Aurora Fossil Museum.
- 22 (2) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. – The revenue derived from the special
23 plate shall be transferred quarterly to Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation for
24 use in promoting and preserving the Blue Ridge Parkway as a scenic
25 attraction in North Carolina. A person may obtain from the Division a
26 special registration plate under this subdivision for the registered owner of a
27 motor vehicle or a motorcycle. The registration fees and the restrictions on
28 the issuance of a specialized registration plate for a motorcycle are the same
29 as for any motor vehicle. The Division must receive a minimum of 300
30 applications to develop a special registration plate for a motorcycle.
- 31 (3) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. – The revenue derived
32 from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the Friends of the
33 Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Inc., to be used for educational
34 materials, preservation programs, capital improvements for the portion of the
35 Great Smoky Mountains National Park that is located in North Carolina, and
36 operating expenses of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- 37 (4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail. – The revenue derived from the special
38 plate shall be transferred quarterly to The Appalachian Trail Conference to
39 be used for educational materials, preservation programs, trail maintenance,
40 trailway and viewshed acquisitions, trailway and viewshed easement
41 acquisitions, capital improvements for the portions of the Appalachian Trail
42 and connecting trails that are located in North Carolina, and related
43 administrative and operating expenses.
- 44 (5) North Carolina State Parks. – One-half of the revenue derived from the
45 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to Natural Heritage Trust Fund
46 established under G.S. 113-77.7, and the remaining revenue shall be
47 transferred quarterly to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund established
48 under G.S. 113-44.15.
- 49 (6) "Old Baldy," Bald Head Island Lighthouse. – The revenue derived from the
50 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the Old Baldy Foundation, Inc.,
51 for its programs in support of the Bald Head Island Lighthouse.

- 1 (7) The North Carolina Aquariums. – The revenue derived from the special plate
2 shall be transferred quarterly to the North Carolina Aquarium Society, Inc.,
3 for its programs in support of the North Carolina Aquariums.
- 4 (8) The North Carolina Arboretum. – The revenue derived from the special plate
5 shall be transferred quarterly to The North Carolina Arboretum Society and
6 used to help the Society obtain grants for the North Carolina Arboretum and
7 for capital improvements to the North Carolina Arboretum.
- 8 (9) The North Carolina Maritime Museum. – The revenue derived from the
9 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to Friends of the Museum, North
10 Carolina Maritime Museum, Inc., to be used for educational programs and
11 conservation programs and for operating expenses of the North Carolina
12 Maritime Museum.
- 13 (10) The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. – The revenue derived
14 from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the Friends of the
15 North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences for its programs in
16 support of the museum.
- 17 (11) The North Carolina Transportation Museum. – The revenue derived from the
18 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the North Carolina
19 Transportation Museum Foundation to be used for educational programs and
20 conservation programs and for operating expenses of the North Carolina
21 Transportation Museum.
- 22 ~~(11)~~(12) The North Carolina Zoological Society. – The revenue derived from the
23 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to The North Carolina Zoological
24 Society, Incorporated, to be used for educational programs and conservation
25 programs at the North Carolina Zoo at Asheboro and for operating expenses
26 of the North Carolina Zoo at Asheboro.
- 27 ~~(12)~~(13) U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Commission. – The revenue derived from
28 the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the U.S.S. North Carolina
29 Battleship Commission to be used for educational programs and preservation
30 programs on the U.S.S. North Carolina (BB-55) and for operating expenses
31 of the U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Commission."

32 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding the following new subsections

33 to read:

34 "(b126) North Carolina Cattlemen's Association. – The Division must receive 300 or more
35 applications for the "North Carolina Cattlemen's Association" plate before the plate may be
36 developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural
37 Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of "North Carolina Cattlemen's Association"
38 plates to the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

39 (b127) RiverLink. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a "RiverLink"
40 plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the
41 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of "RiverLink" plates to
42 RiverLink, Inc., to support the economic and environmental revitalization of the French Broad
43 River and its tributaries as a place to work, live, and play.

44 (b128) Municipality Plate. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a
45 municipality plate for a municipality before a municipality plate may be developed. The color,
46 design, and material for the plate must be approved by both the Division and the municipality.
47 The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate
48 Account derived from the sale of a municipality plate to the municipality represented by the
49 plate."

1 **SECTION 6.** The Revisor of Statutes is authorized to alphabetize, number, and
2 renumber the special registration plates listed in G.S. 20-79.4(b) to ensure that all the special
3 registration plates are listed in alphabetical order and numbered accordingly.

4 **SECTION 7.** This act is effective when it becomes law.