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SENATE BILL 1370

Short Title: NASCAR Driver Theme Special Plates. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Plyler and Purcell.

Referred to: Finance.

June 12, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE
NASCAR DRIVER THEME SPECIAL REGISTRATION 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:

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(35a) Racing Theme. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle pursuant to G.S. 20-81.12. A series of plates bearing an emblem, seal, other symbol or design displaying themes of National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), or a NASCAR team or NASCAR driver. 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 enter into agreements 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 may contract for the production of 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."

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

"(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge one registration plate to a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, a 100% disabled veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration plates, including additional Congressional Medal of Honor, 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of

1 War plates, are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or
2 G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
3 <u>Racing Theme</u>	\$35.00
4 Historical Attraction	\$30.00
5 State Attraction	\$30.00
6 Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
7 Goodness Grows	\$25.00
8 Kids First	\$25.00
9 Olympic Games	\$25.00
10 Special Olympics	\$25.00
11 The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
12 University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
13 Animal Lovers	\$20.00
14 Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
15 Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
16 (Effective until June 30, 2006) Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
17 First in Forestry	\$20.00
18 Litter Prevention	\$20.00
19 March of Dimes	\$20.00
20 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
21 (Effective until June 30, 2006) Rocky Mountain Elk	\$25.00
22 Foundation	
23 Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
24 Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
25 School Technology	\$20.00
26 Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
27 Special Forces Association	\$20.00
28 Support Public Schools	\$20.00
29 Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
30 Personalized	\$20.00
31 Active Member of the National Guard	None
32 100% Disabled Veteran	None
33 Ex-Prisoner of War	None
34 Legion of Valor	None
35 Purple Heart Recipient	None
36 Silver Star Recipient	None
37 All Other Special Plates	\$10.00.

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

41 "(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the
42 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway
43 Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration
44 plates listed in subsection (a) among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the

1 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), and the Natural Heritage
2 Trust Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, as follows:

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

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

36 "(b23) Racing Theme. – Before the Division develops or distributes a racing theme
37 plate in this series, it may choose to require 100 prepaid applications for any NASCAR
38 or NASCAR driver's or team's respective plate, or a deposit from any person seeking
39 issuance of a plate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per plate. If a deposit is made
40 pursuant to this subsection, the Division shall refund the deposit once an equivalent
41 amount of license plate fees is collected for the plate for which the deposit is made. If an
42 equivalent amount is not collected within four years of the issuance of the first plate, the
43 Division may retain the deposit. The Division may develop any plate in this series
44 without a minimum number of applications or deposit if the person providing the State

1 with the 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. The cost of the
3 racing theme special registration plate shall include the costs to produce blank plates for
4 issuance by the Division, as provided in any agreement with the Division authorized by
5 G.S. 20-79.4(b)(35a)."

6 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.