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SENATE BILL 913

Short Title: Up Vanity Plate Fees.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Basnight.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR VANITY MOTOR VEHICLE  
REGISTRATION PLATES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF  
THE ADDITIONAL REVENUES DERIVED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-81.3(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) An owner who desires personalized registration plates shall make application for such plates on forms which shall be provided by the Division of Motor Vehicles and pay the sum of ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) annually, which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee. Once an owner has obtained personalized plates, he, where possible, will have first priority on those plates for the following years provided he makes timely and appropriate application; provided, however, that the Commissioner shall not issue a personalized license plate pursuant to this section except upon written application therefor on a form furnished by the Commissioner in which the applicant certifies that his operator's or chauffeur's license has not been revoked or suspended under Article 2 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes within two years prior to the date of the application; and provided, further, that any personalized license plate issued pursuant to this section shall be cancelled and recalled by the Commissioner and the application fee forfeited in the event that the Commissioner determines that a false application has been submitted."

Sec. 2. G.S. 20-81.3(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) ~~The Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the~~ revenue derived from the additional fee for the special personalized registration plates shall be placed in a separate fund designated the 'Personalized Registration Plate Fund'. After deducting the cost of the plates, plus

1 budgetary requirements for handling and issuance to be determined by the  
2 Commissioner, any remaining moneys derived from the additional fee for such plates  
3 shall be transferred quarterly:

- 4 (1) Thirty-three percent (33%) to the account of the Department of  
5 Commerce to aid in financing out-of-state print and other media  
6 advertising under the program for the promotion of travel and  
7 industrial development in this State.
- 8 (2) Fifty percent (50%) to the Department of Transportation to be used  
9 solely for the purpose of beautification of highways other than those  
10 designated as interstate. These funds shall be administered by the  
11 Department of Transportation for beautification purposes not  
12 inconsistent with good landscaping and engineering principles.
- 13 (3) Seventeen percent (17%) to the account of the Department of Human  
14 Resources to promote travel accessibility for disabled persons in this  
15 State. These funds shall be used: to collect and update site information  
16 on travel attractions designated by the Department of Commerce in  
17 their publications; to provide technical assistance to travel attraction  
18 concerning accommodation of disabled tourists; and to develop, print,  
19 and promote the publication ACCESS NORTH CAROLINA. The  
20 Department of Human Resources shall make copies of ACCESS  
21 NORTH CAROLINA available to the Department of Commerce for  
22 their use in Welcome Centers and other appropriate Department of  
23 Commerce offices.
- 24 (4) The Department of Commerce shall promote ACCESS NORTH  
25 CAROLINA in their publications (including providing a toll-free  
26 telephone line and in address for requesting copies of the publication)  
27 and provide technical assistance to the Department of Human  
28 Resources on travel attractions to be included in ACCESS NORTH  
29 CAROLINA. The Department of Commerce shall forward all requests  
30 for mailing ACCESS NORTH CAROLINA to the Department of  
31 Human Resources.
- 32 (5) Funds allocated by this section for promotion of travel accessibility  
33 and ACCESS NORTH CAROLINA which are not spent and are not  
34 obligated at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall be  
35 transferred to the Department of Administration for removal of man-  
36 made barriers to disabled travelers at State-funded travel attractions.  
37 Guidelines for the removal of man-made barriers shall be developed in  
38 consultation with the Department of Human Resources."

39 Sec. 3. G.S. 20-81.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

40 "(c1) Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the revenue derived from the additional fee for the  
41 special personalized registration plates shall be placed in a separate fund designated the  
42 'Beach Access and Natural Heritage Trust Vehicle Registration Fund'. The monies in  
43 the fund shall be transferred quarterly:

1                   (1)     Fifty percent (50%) to the account of the Department of  
2                   Natural Resources and Community Development for use in the  
3                   Beach Access Program found in Article 7A of Chapter 113A of the  
4                   General Statutes.

5                   (2)     Fifty percent (50%) to the account of the Department of  
6                   Natural Resources and Community Development for use in the  
7                   Natural Heritage Trust Fund found in Article 5A of Chapter 113 of  
8                   the General Statutes."

9                   Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.