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HOUSE BILL 734

Short Title: Collegiate Registration Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Stamey.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR COLLEGIATE INSIGNIA REGISTRATION PLATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-81.12. Collegiate insignia plates.

(a) The Division shall develop a collegiate license plate as provided in this section for State and independent universities, domiciled in this State, and shall issue a collegiate license plate to the owner of any motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan or a commercial truck, upon application and payment of the appropriate fees.

(b) An owner who desires a collegiate insignia plate shall make application for such plates on forms which shall be provided by the Division and pay the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) annually, which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee.

(c) An application for a collegiate insignia license plate may be made at any time during the year. If the application is made for a collegiate insignia license plate to replace an existing current valid plate, the specialty plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached. The fee prescribed in subsection (b) of this section must be paid. No refund shall be made to the applicant for any unused portion remaining on the original plate. When application is made for a collegiate insignia license at the beginning of the applicant's registration period, the normal registration fee must be paid in addition to the fee prescribed in subsection (b) of this section.

1 (d) The revenue derived from the additional fee for the collegiate plates shall be
2 placed in a separate fund designated the 'Collegiate Plate Fund'. The additional fee shall
3 be distributed as follows:

4 (1) Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the special fee shall be used to cover the cost
5 of the plates, plus budgetary requirements for handling and issuance to
6 be determined by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. After
7 deducting these administrative costs, any remaining monies derived
8 from this ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be periodically transferred to the
9 Department of Transportation pursuant to G.S. 20-81.3(c)(2).

10 (2) Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the special fee shall be distributed to the
11 Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina for all State
12 universities and to the Board of Trustees for each independent college
13 or university in the State in proportion to the number of collegiate
14 plates sold representing that institution for use for academic
15 enhancement, including scholarships and private fund-raising activities
16 at that institution. The funds shall be expended at the discretion of the
17 chief executive officer of the university.

18 (e) Collegiate plates shall be of a color, design and material approved by the
19 Division. In addition to insignia identifying the university, the plate may be imprinted
20 with letters and numerals as determined by the Division, but the words 'North Carolina'
21 shall appear on the plate.

22 (f) The request for a collegiate insignia license plate may be combined with a
23 request that the plate be a special personalized registration plate authorized by G.S. 20-
24 81.3, upon payment of the fees required in that section.

25 (g) The Division must receive 500 or more applications from each college or
26 university before a collegiate license plate may be developed. The college or university
27 shall keep a file of all applications until 500 applications are received."

28 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.