

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 795

Short Title: "Choose Life" License Plate. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gillespie; Barbee, Barnhart, Cansler, Capps, Carpenter, Church, Clary, Daughtry, Davis, Decker, Eddins, Ellis, Harrington, Hiatt, Hill, Hilton, Howard, Johnson, Morris, Preston, Rayfield, Setzer, Shubert, Starnes, Teague, Walend, Walker, West, C. Wilson, and G. Wilson.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

March 26, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A
"CHOOSE LIFE" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

...

(3c) 'Choose Life'. – Issuable to a registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12(b17). The plate shall bear the phrase 'Choose Life'.

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 War 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:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
Historical Attraction	\$30.00
State Attraction	\$30.00
<u>Choose Life</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
Goodness Grows	\$25.00

1	Kids First	\$25.00
2	Olympic Games	\$25.00
3	Special Olympics	\$25.00
4	University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
5	Animal Lovers	\$20.00
6	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
7	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
8	March of Dimes	\$20.00
9	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
10	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
11	School Technology	\$20.00
12	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
13	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
14	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
15	Personalized	\$20.00
16	Active Member of the National Guard	None
17	100% Disabled Veteran	None
18	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
19	Legion of Valor	None
20	Purple Heart Recipient	None
21	Silver Star Recipient	None
22	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

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

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

	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>	
30				
31				
32	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0
33	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0
34	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$10	0
35	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
36	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
37	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0
38	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0
39	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0
40	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0
41	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0
42	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15
43	Personalized	\$10	0	\$10
44	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0

1	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0
2	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0
3	Special Olympics	\$10	\$10	0
4	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
5	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0
6	University Health Systems of			
7	Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0
8	<u>Choose Life</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>0</u>
9	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
10	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0".

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

12 "(b17) "Choose Life". – The Division shall receive 300 or more applications for a
 13 "Choose Life" plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer
 14 quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived
 15 from the sale of "Choose Life" plates to the Tri-County Crisis Prevention Center, Inc.,
 16 of Burnsville, North Carolina, for further distribution in accordance with this
 17 subsection. Funds received by the Tri-County Crisis Prevention Center, Inc., pursuant to
 18 this section shall be distributed annually to each county in the ratio that the number of
 19 "Choose Life" plates sold to residents of that county bears to the total number of
 20 "Choose Life" plates issued by the Division. Each county receiving funds pursuant to
 21 this subsection shall distribute the funds to nongovernmental, not-for-profit agencies
 22 within the county that provide pregnancy crisis services that are limited to counseling
 23 and meeting the physical needs of pregnant women who are committed to either raising
 24 their own children or placing their children for adoption. Funds received pursuant to this
 25 subsection may not be distributed to any agency that is involved or associated with
 26 abortion activities, including counseling for or referrals to abortion clinics, providing
 27 medical abortion related procedures, or proabortion advertising, and these funds may
 28 not be distributed to any agency that charges women for services received. The Tri-
 29 County Crisis Prevention Center, Inc., shall provide the State Auditor with an annual
 30 accounting, prepared by a certified public accountant, of the receipt and disbursement of
 31 funds received pursuant to this subsection."

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