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SENATE BILL 73

Short Title: NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation Special Plate. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hagan; Albertson, Atwater, Boseman, Dorsett, Hartsell, Swindell, and Thomas.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A
NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE HABITAT FOUNDATION SPECIAL
REGISTRATION 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:

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(28f) North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation. – Issuable to the owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the logo of the North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation on the left side and the background of the entire plate shall be beige or tan color. The numbers or other writing on the plate shall be black and the border shall be black. The plate shall be developed by the Division in consultation with and approved by the North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation. The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for 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 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>
Crystal Coast	\$30.00
El Pueblo	\$30.00

1	Historical Attraction	\$30.00
2	HOMES4NC	\$30.00
3	In God We Trust	\$30.00
4	North Carolina 4-H Development Fund	\$30.00
5	Personalized	\$30.00
6	State Attraction	\$30.00
7	Buffalo Soldiers	\$25.00
8	Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
9	Goodness Grows	\$25.00
10	High School Insignia	\$25.00
11	Kids First	\$25.00
12	Olympic Games	\$25.00
13	NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
14	NC Coastal Federation	\$25.00
15	Nurses	\$25.00
16	(Effective until June 30, 2006) Rocky Mountain	
17	Elk Foundation	\$25.00
18	Special Olympics	\$25.00
19	Surveyor Plate	\$25.00
20	The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
21	University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
22	Animal Lovers	\$20.00
23	Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
24	Be Active NC	\$20.00
25	Daughters of the American Revolution	\$20.00
26	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
27	(Effective until June 30, 2006) First in Forestry	\$30.00
28	Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
29	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
30	March of Dimes	\$20.00
31	<u>NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
32	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
33	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
34	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
35	School Technology	\$20.00
36	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
37	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
38	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
39	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
40	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$20.00
41	Active Member of the National Guard	None
42	100% Disabled Veteran	None
43	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
44	Legion of Valor	None

1 Purple Heart Recipient None
 2 Silver Star Recipient None
 3 All Other Special Plates \$10.00."

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

5 "(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the
 6 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway
 7 Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration
 8 plates listed in subsection (a) among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the
 9 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Natural Heritage Trust
 10 Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, and the Parks and Recreation
 11 Trust Fund, which is established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

12	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
13	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0	0
14	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
15	Be Active NC	\$10	\$10	0	0
16	Buffalo Soldiers	\$10	\$15	0	0
17	Crystal Coast	\$10	\$20	0	0
18	Daughters of the American				
19	Revolution	\$10	\$10	0	0
20	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
21	El Pueblo	\$10	\$20	0	0
22	First in Forestry	\$10	\$10	\$10	0
23	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0	0
24	(Effective until June 30,				
25	2006) Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0	0
26	High School Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
27	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
28	HOMES4NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
29	In God We Trust	\$10	\$20	0	0
30	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
31	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0	0
32	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0	0
33	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0	0
34	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0	0
35	NC Coastal Federation	\$10	\$15	0	0
36	NC 4-H Development Fund	\$10	\$20	0	0
37	<u>NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
38	Nurses	\$10	\$15	0	0
39	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0	0
40	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
41	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	10	0	\$15	0
42	Personalized	\$10	0	\$15	\$5
43	(Effective until June 30,				
44	2006) Rocky Mountain Elk				

1	Foundation	\$10	\$15	0	0
2	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0	0
3	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0	0
4	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0	0
5	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0	0
6	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0	0
7	Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0	0
8	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
9	Stock Car Racing Theme	\$10	\$20	0	0
10	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0	0
11	Surveyor Plate	\$10	\$15	0	0
12	The V Foundation for				
13	Cancer Research	\$10	\$15	0	0
14	University Health Systems of				
15	Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0	0
16	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0	0
17	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$10	\$10	0	0
18	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0	0."

19 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
20 "(b39) North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation. – The Division must receive 300
21 or more applications for the North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation plate before the
22 plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the
23 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of the North
24 Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation plates to the North Carolina Wildlife Habitat
25 Foundation for its programs."

26 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-63(b) reads as rewritten:
27 "(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number
28 assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina,
29 which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of
30 expiration. A plate issued for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), and
31 weighing 26,001 pounds or more, must bear the word "commercial," unless the plate is
32 a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4 or the commercial vehicle is a
33 trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less. The plate issued for vehicles licensed for
34 7,000 pounds through 26,000 pounds must bear the word "weighted".

35 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a registration plate issued by the
36 Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a private hauler vehicle licensed for
37 6,000 pounds or less shall be a "First in Flight" plate. A "First in Flight" plate shall have
38 the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and
39 numerals. The background of the plate shall depict the Wright Brothers biplane flying
40 over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly upward and to the right. The
41 following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate. The
42 design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates must be approved by the Division
43 and the State Highway Patrol for clarity and ease of identification.

44 (1) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

- 1 (2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- 2 (3) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.
- 3 (4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail.
- 4 (5) NC Coastal Federation.
- 5 (6) In God We Trust.
- 6 (7) Stock Car Racing Theme.
- 7 (8) North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation."
- 8 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.