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Short Title: Plate Background/State Fish Plates. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Queen, Murry, West, and Tine (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL SPECIAL REGISTRATION
3 PLATES HAVE A "FIRST IN FLIGHT" BACKGROUND, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE
4 DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE SPECIAL REGISTRATION
5 PLATES FOR THE NATIVE BROOK TROUT AND RED DRUM.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(b1) reads as rewritten:

8 "(b1) The following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate as
9 provided in subsection (b) of this section. The design of the plates that are not "First in Flight"
10 plates must be approved by the Division and the State Highway Patrol for clarity and ease of
11 identification. ~~When the Division registers a vehicle or renews the registration of a vehicle on~~
12 ~~or after July 1, 2015, the Division must send the owner a replacement special license plate in a~~
13 ~~standardized format in accordance with subsection (b) of this section and G.S. 20-79.4(a3).~~

- 14 (1) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- 15 (2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- 16 (3) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.
- 17 (4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail.
- 18 (5) NC Coastal Federation.
- 19 (6) In God We Trust.
- 20 (7) Stock Car Racing Theme.
- 21 (8) Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation.
- 22 (9) Guilford Battleground Company.
- 23 (10) National Wild Turkey Federation.
- 24 (11) North Carolina Aquarium Society.
- 25 (12) First in Forestry.
- 26 (13) North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation.
- 27 (14) NC Trout Unlimited.
- 28 (15) Ducks Unlimited.
- 29 (16) Lung Cancer Research.
- 30 (17) NC State Parks.
- 31 (18) Support Our Troops.
- 32 (19) US Equine Rescue League.
- 33 (20) Fox Hunting.
- 34 (21) Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina.
- 35 (22) Hospice Care.
- 36 (23) Home Care and Hospice.



- 1 (24) NC Tennis Foundation.
- 2 (25) AIDS Awareness.
- 3 (26) Donate Life.
- 4 (27) Farmland Preservation.
- 5 (28) Travel and Tourism.
- 6 (29) Battle of Kings Mountain.
- 7 (30) NC Civil War.
- 8 (31) North Carolina Zoological Society.
- 9 (32) United States Service Academy.
- 10 (33) Carolina Raptor Center.
- 11 (34) Carolinas Credit Union Foundation.
- 12 (35) North Carolina State Flag.
- 13 (36) NC Mining.
- 14 (37) Coastal Land Trust.
- 15 (38) ARTS NC.
- 16 (39) Choose Life.
- 17 (40) North Carolina Green Industry Council.
- 18 (41) NC Horse Council.
- 19 (42) Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center.
- 20 (43) Mountains-to-Sea Trail, Inc.
- 21 (44) Native Brook Trout.
- 22 (45) Red Drum."

23 **SECTION 2.** Section 1.1 of S.L. 2011-392 is repealed.

24 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding new subdivisions to read:

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

26 ...
 27 (j) Native Brook Trout. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in
 28 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "Native
 29 Brook Trout" with a picture of a Brook Trout native to North Carolina in the
 30 background.

31 ...
 32 (k) Red Drum. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in
 33 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "Red Drum"
 34 with a picture of a Red Drum native to North Carolina in the background.

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36 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

37 "(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge a single
 38 Legion of Valor, 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of War registration plate to a
 39 recipient of a Legion of Valor award, a 100% disabled veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war each
 40 year. The preceding special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle
 41 registration fees in G.S. 20-88, if the registered weight of the vehicle is greater than 6,000
 42 pounds. All other special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration
 43 fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

44 Special Plate	44 Additional Fee Amount
45 ...	
46 National Kidney Foundation	\$30.00
47 <u>Native Brook Trout</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
48 North Carolina 4-H Development Fund	\$30.00
49 ...	
50 Personalized	\$30.00
51 <u>Red Drum</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>

1 Retired Legislator \$30.00

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3 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 "(b126) Native Brook Trout. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for
5 the Native Brook Trout plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer
6 quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the
7 sale of Native Brook Trout plates to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to be
8 used to fund public access to and habitat protection of Brook Trout waters.

9 (b127) Red Drum. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the Red
10 Drum plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money
11 in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Red Drum
12 plates to the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to be used to fund public access to
13 and habitat protection of Red Drum waters."

14 **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.