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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR COLLEGIATE INSIGNIA REGISTRATION PLATES
AND TO AMEND THE DESIGNATION ON OFFICIAL REGISTRATION
PLATES ISSUED TO UNITED STATES JUDGES.

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

1 paid. No refund shall be made to the applicant for any unused portion remaining on the
2 original plate. When application is made for a collegiate insignia license at the
3 beginning of the applicant's registration period, the normal registration fee must be paid
4 in addition to the fee prescribed in subsection (b) of this section.

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

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

14 (2) Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the special fee shall be distributed to the
15 Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina for all State
16 universities and to the Board of Trustees for each independent college
17 or university in the State in proportion to the number of collegiate
18 plates sold representing that institution for use for academic
19 enhancement.

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

24 (f) The request for a collegiate insignia license plate may be combined with a
25 request that the plate be a special personalized registration plate authorized by G.S. 20-
26 81.3, upon payment of the fees required in that section.

27 (g) The Division must receive 150 or more applications from each college or
28 university before a collegiate license plate may be developed. The college or university
29 shall keep a file of all applications until 150 applications are received."

30 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-81(3)e. reads as rewritten:

31 "e. United States judges. – Official plates shall be issued upon
32 request to Justices of the United States Supreme Court, Judges
33 of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and to the District
34 Judges of the United States District Courts residing in North
35 Carolina and shall bear the ~~words 'U.S. Judge'~~ letters 'U.S.J.'
36 followed by a numerical designation beginning with the number
37 '1' which shall be indicative of the judge's seniority position as
38 to the date he began continuous service as a United States Judge
39 as designated by the Secretary of State. Retired judges and
40 judges who have taken senior status shall be issued similar
41 plates except that the numerical designation shall be based upon
42 the date of such retirement or assumption of senior status and
43 shall follow the numerical designation of active justices and
44 judges."

1 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.