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Short Title: Collegiate Registration Plates.

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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 collegiate insignia license plates as provided in this section for public or private colleges or universities located in this State. The Division 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 license plate shall submit an application for the plate on a form provided by the Division and pay the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) 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 collegiate plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached. The fee prescribed in subsection (b) of this section shall 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 plate at the

1 beginning of the applicant's registration period, the regular registration fee must be paid  
2 in addition to the fee prescribed in subsection (b) of this section.

3 (d) One-half of the revenue derived from the additional fee imposed by  
4 subsection (b) of this section shall be credited to the Natural Heritage Trust Fund  
5 established under G.S. 113-77.7. The remaining one-half of the revenue derived from  
6 the additional fee imposed by subsection (b) of this section shall be credited to the  
7 Personalized Registration Plate Fund established under G.S. 20-81.3.

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

12 (f) The request for a collegiate insignia license plate may be combined with a  
13 request that the plate be a special personalized registration plate authorized by G.S. 20-  
14 81.3, upon payment of the fees required in that section.

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

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