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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:

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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 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 insignia plate shall submit an application for the plate on a form 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 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

1 original plate. When application is made for a collegiate insignia license at the
2 beginning of the applicant's registration period, the normal registration fee must be paid
3 in addition to the fee prescribed in subsection (b) of this section.

4 (d) Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the additional fee imposed by subsection (b) of this
5 section shall be credited to the Personalized Registration Fund established under G.S.
6 20-81.3. The remaining revenue derived from the additional fee imposed by subsection
7 (b) of this section shall be credited to the Collegiate Plate Fund, a separate fund
8 established in the State Treasurer's office. The revenue in the Collegiate Plate Fund
9 shall be transferred quarterly to the Board of Governors of The University of North
10 Carolina for public colleges and universities and to the respective board of trustees for
11 private colleges and universities in proportion to the number of collegiate plates sold
12 representing that institution for use for academic enhancement.

13 (e) Collegiate plates shall be of a color, design, and material approved by the
14 Division. In addition to insignia identifying the university, the plate may be imprinted
15 with letters and numerals as determined by the Division, but the words 'North Carolina'
16 shall appear on the plate. The phrase 'at Chapel Hill' or 'UNC-CH' may not appear on a
17 collegiate plate.

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

21 (g) The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a collegiate license
22 plate for a college or university before a collegiate license plate may be developed for
23 that college or university."

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