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Short Title: Various Special Registration Plates.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE  
2 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY  
3 FOUNDATION, SURVEYORS, RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS,  
4 ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES, ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, BREAST  
5 CANCER AWARENESS, AND MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(b) reads as rewritten:

9 "(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number  
10 assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina,  
11 which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of  
12 expiration. A plate issued for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), and  
13 weighing 26,001 pounds or more, must bear the word "commercial," unless the plate is  
14 a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4 or the commercial vehicle is a  
15 trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less. The plate issued for vehicles licensed for  
16 7,000 pounds through 26,000 pounds must bear the word "weighted".

17 A registration plate issued by the Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a  
18 private hauler vehicle licensed for 6,000 pounds or less, other than a Friends of the  
19 Great Smoky Mountains National Park special registration ~~plate~~-plate, a Blue Ridge  
20 Parkway Foundation special registration plate, or a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
21 special registration plate shall be a "First in Flight" plate. A "First in Flight" plate shall  
22 have the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and  
23 numerals. The background of the plate shall depict the Wright Brothers biplane flying  
24 over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly upward and to the right."

25 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to  
26 read:

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

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- 1           (1a) Alternative Fuel Vehicles. – Issuable to the registered owner of an  
2           alternative fuel vehicle. The plate shall bear the words "Alternative  
3           Fuel Vehicle". The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this  
4           subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.  
5           ...
- 6           (3d) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. – Issuable to a registered owner of a  
7           motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall have  
8           the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above all other  
9           letters and numerals. The background of the plate shall be the full art,  
10           three-color design submitted to the Division by the Blue Ridge  
11           Parkway Foundation in camera-ready format. The background color  
12           and design shall allow the numbers on the face of the plate to be  
13           readily distinguished. Submission to the Division of the background  
14           design shall be the final design, and, upon acceptance by the Division,  
15           no further changes in the background design shall be made.
- 16           (3e) Breast Cancer Awareness. – Issuable to the registered owner of a  
17           motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear  
18           the phrase "Early Detection Saves Lives" and a representation of a  
19           pink ribbon. The Division must receive 300 or more applications for  
20           the plate before it may be developed.
- 21           (~~3d~~)(3f) Bronze Star Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the Bronze Star. The  
22           plate shall bear the emblem of the Bronze Star and the words "Bronze  
23           Star."  
24           ...
- 25           (27c) Mothers Against Drunk Driving. – Issuable to the registered owner of  
26           a motor vehicle. The plate shall bear the letters "M.A.D.D." and the  
27           words "Mothers Against Drunk Driving". The Division must receive  
28           300 or more applications for the plate before it may be developed.  
29           ...
- 30           (36b) Retired Law Enforcement Officers. – Issuable to a retired law  
31           enforcement officer presenting to the Division, along with the  
32           application for the plate, a copy of the officer's retired identification  
33           card or letter of retirement. The plate shall bear the phrase "Retired  
34           Law Enforcement Officer" and representation of a law enforcement  
35           badge. The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this  
36           subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.
- 37           (~~36b~~)(36c) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. – Issuable to the registered owner of  
38           a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear  
39           the phrase "Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation" and a logo approved by  
40           the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Inc.
- 41           (~~36e~~)(36d) Save the Sea Turtles. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor  
42           vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear the  
43           phrase "Save the Sea Turtles" and a representation related to sea  
44           turtles.

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- 2           (45b) Surveyor Plate. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in
- 3                   accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the words
- 4                   "Following In Their Footsteps" and shall bear a picture of a transit.
- 5    (~~45b~~)(45c) Sweet Potato. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle.
- 6                   The plate may bear a phrase and picture representing the State's
- 7                   official vegetable, the sweet potato. The Division may not issue the
- 8                   plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300
- 9                   applications for the plate.
- 10   (~~45e~~)(45d) Tobacco Heritage. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
- 11                   vehicle. The plate shall bear a picture of a tobacco leaf and plow. The
- 12                   Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless
- 13                   it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.
- 14                   ...
- 15    (52) Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
- 16                   vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the
- 17                   words "Zeta Phi Beta".

**SECTION 3.** 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>
Historical Attraction	\$30.00
State Attraction	\$30.00
<u>Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
Goodness Grows	\$25.00
Kids First	\$25.00
Olympic Games	\$25.00
NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
Special Olympics	\$25.00
<u>Surveyor Plate</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
Animal Lovers	\$20.00
Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b>	
Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
First in Forestry	\$20.00
Litter Prevention	\$20.00

1	March of Dimes	\$20.00
2	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
3	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b>	
4	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00
5	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
6	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
7	School Technology	\$20.00
8	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
9	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
10	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
11	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
12	<u>Zeta Phi Beta Sorority</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
13	Personalized	\$20.00
14	Active Member of the National Guard	None
15	100% Disabled Veteran	None
16	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
17	Legion of Valor	None
18	Purple Heart Recipient	None
19	Silver Star Recipient	None
20	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

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

22 "(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the  
23 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway  
24 Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration  
25 plates listed in subsection (a) among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the  
26 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), and the Natural Heritage  
27 Trust Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, as follows:

28	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>
29	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0
30	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0
31	<u>Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>
32	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0
33	First in Forestry	\$10	0	\$10
34	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0
35	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b>			
36	Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0
37	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
38	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
39	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0
40	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0
41	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0
42	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0
43	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0
44	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0

1	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15
2	Personalized	\$10	0	\$10
3	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b>			
4	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$10	\$15	0
5	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0
6	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0
7	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0
8	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0
9	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0
10	Special Olympics	\$10	\$10	0
11	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
12	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0
13	<u>Surveyor Plate</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>0</u>
14	The V Foundation for Cancer Research	\$10	\$15	0
15	University Health Systems of Eastern			
16	Carolina	\$10	\$15	0
17	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
18	<u>Zeta Phi Beta Sorority</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
19	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0."

20           **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding two new subdivisions to  
21 read:

22           "(b25) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. – The Division must receive 300 or more  
23 applications for a Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation plate before the plate may be  
24 developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and  
25 Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Blue Ridge Parkway  
26 Foundation plates to the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation for use in promoting and  
27 preserving the Blue Ridge Parkway as a scenic attraction in North Carolina.

28           (b26) Surveyor Plate. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a  
29 Surveyor plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly  
30 the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale  
31 of Surveyor plates to the North Carolina Society of Surveyors Education Foundation,  
32 Inc., for public educational programs.

33           (b27) Zeta Phi Beta Sorority – The Division must receive 300 or more applications  
34 for a Zeta Phi Beta sorority plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall  
35 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account  
36 derived from the sale of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority plates to the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority  
37 Education Foundation, through the Raleigh office, for the benefit of undergraduate  
38 scholarships in this State."

39           **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.