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SENATE DRS65122-LK-69 (3/7)

Short Title: Friends of Appalachian Trail Plate. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Queen; and Carpenter.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A  
"FRIENDS OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL" SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
PLATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

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(15b) Friends of the Appalachian Trail. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate may bear a phrase or an insignia representing the Friends of the Appalachian Trail. The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the plate before it may be developed."

**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>Friends of the Appalachian Trail</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
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
Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
First in Forestry	\$20.00
Litter Prevention	\$20.00
March of Dimes	\$20.00
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00
Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
School Technology	\$20.00
Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
Special Forces Association	\$20.00
Support Public Schools	\$20.00
Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
Personalized	\$20.00
Active Member of the National Guard	None
100% Disabled Veteran	None
Ex-Prisoner of War	None

1	Legion of Valor	None
2	Purple Heart Recipient	None
3	Silver Star Recipient	None
4	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

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

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

12	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>
13	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0
14	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0
15	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0
16	First in Forestry	\$10	0	\$10
17	<u>Friends of the Appalachian Trail</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>
18	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0
19	Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0
20	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
21	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
22	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0
23	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0
24	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0
25	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0
26	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0
27	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0
28	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15
29	Personalized	\$10	0	\$10
30	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$10	\$15	0
31	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0
32	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0
33	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0
34	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0
35	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0
36	Special Olympics	\$10	\$10	0
37	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
38	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0
39	The V Foundation for Cancer Research	\$10	\$15	0
40	University Health Systems of Eastern			
41	Carolina	\$10	\$15	0
42	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
43	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0."

44           **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1        "(b24) Friends of the Appalachian Trail. – The Division must receive 300 or more  
2 applications for a Friends of the Appalachian Trail plate before the plate may be  
3 developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and  
4 Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of the Friends of the  
5 Appalachian Trail plates to the Appalachian Trail Conference, to be used for  
6 educational materials, preservation programs, trail maintenance, trailway and viewshed  
7 acquisitions, trailway and viewshed easement acquisitions, capital improvements for the  
8 portions of the Appalachian Trail and connecting trails that are located in North  
9 Carolina, and related administrative and operating expenses."

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