

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 659\***

Short Title: SCUBA Special Registration Plate.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to: Finance.

March 17, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A  
SCUBA SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** 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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(38a) SCUBA. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "SCUBA" and a logo of the Diver Down Flag. The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate."

**SECTION 2.** 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>
Crystal Coast	\$30.00
El Pueblo	\$30.00
Historical Attraction	\$30.00
HOMES4NC	\$30.00
In God We Trust	\$30.00
North Carolina 4-H Development Fund	\$30.00
Personalized	\$30.00
State Attraction	\$30.00

1	Buffalo Soldiers	\$25.00
2	Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
3	Goodness Grows	\$25.00
4	High School Insignia	\$25.00
5	Kids First	\$25.00
6	Olympic Games	\$25.00
7	NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
8	NC Coastal Federation	\$25.00
9	Nurses	\$25.00
10	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006) Rocky Mountain</b>	
11	Elk Foundation	\$25.00
12	Special Olympics	\$25.00
13	Surveyor Plate	\$25.00
14	The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
15	University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
16	Animal Lovers	\$20.00
17	Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
18	Be Active NC	\$20.00
19	Daughters of the American Revolution	\$20.00
20	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
21	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006) First in Forestry</b>	\$30.00
22	Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
23	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
24	March of Dimes	\$20.00
25	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
26	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
27	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
28	School Technology	\$20.00
29	<u>SCUBA</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
30	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
31	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
32	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
33	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
34	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$20.00
35	Active Member of the National Guard	None
36	100% Disabled Veteran	None
37	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
38	Legion of Valor	None
39	Purple Heart Recipient	None
40	Silver Star Recipient	None
41	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway

1 Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration  
 2 plates listed in subsection (a) among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the  
 3 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Natural Heritage Trust  
 4 Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, and the Parks and Recreation  
 5 Trust Fund, which is established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

6	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
7	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0	0
8	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
9	Be Active NC	\$10	\$10	0	0
10	Buffalo Soldiers	\$10	\$15	0	0
11	Crystal Coast	\$10	\$20	0	0
12	Daughters of the American				
13	Revolution	\$10	\$10	0	0
14	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
15	El Pueblo	\$10	\$20	0	0
16	First in Forestry	\$10	\$10	\$10	0
17	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0	0
18	<b>(Effective until June 30,</b>				
19	<b>2006) Harley Owners' Group</b>	\$10	\$10	0	0
20	High School Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
21	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
22	HOMES4NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
23	In God We Trust	\$10	\$20	0	0
24	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
25	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0	0
26	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0	0
27	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0	0
28	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0	0
29	NC Coastal Federation	\$10	\$15	0	0
30	NC 4-H Development Fund	\$10	\$20	0	0
31	Nurses	\$10	\$15	0	0
32	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0	0
33	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
34	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	10	0	\$15	0
35	Personalized	\$10	0	\$15	\$5
36	<b>(Effective until June 30,</b>				
37	<b>2006) Rocky Mountain Elk</b>				
38	Foundation	\$10	\$15	0	0
39	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0	0
40	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0	0
41	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0	0
42	<u>SCUBA</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
43	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0	0
44	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0	0

1	Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0	0
2	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
3	Stock Car Racing Theme	\$10	\$20	0	0
4	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0	0
5	Surveyor Plate	\$10	\$15	0	0
6	The V Foundation for				
7	Cancer Research	\$10	\$15	0	0
8	University Health Systems of				
9	Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0	0
10	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0	0
11	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$10	\$10	0	0
12	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0	0."

13           **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
14           "(b29) SCUBA. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the  
15 SCUBA plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly  
16 the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Plate Account derived for the sale of the  
17 SCUBA plates to the Division of Marine Fisheries for the purpose of developing the  
18 State's artificial reefs."

19           **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.