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Short Title: Retired Legislator License Plate. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Thompson; and Easterling.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A  
RETIRED LEGISLATOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(36a1) Retired Legislator. – Issuable to a former member of the North Carolina General Assembly who is receiving or is eligible to receive benefits under Article 1A of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes, but who has not been convicted of a felony, high crime or misdemeanor. The plate shall bear the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina, surrounded by the words 'State Senate' or 'State House of Representatives', as appropriate, and the word 'Retired' below the Seal."

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

**"§ 20-79.7. Fees for special registration plates and distribution of the fees.**

(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
<u>Retired Legislator</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
State Attraction	\$30.00
Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
Goodness Grows	\$25.00

1	Kids First	\$25.00
2	Olympic Games	\$25.00
3	Special Olympics	\$25.00
4	The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
5	University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
6	Animal Lovers	\$20.00
7	Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
8	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
9	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b> Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
10	First in Forestry	\$20.00
11	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
12	March of Dimes	\$20.00
13	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
14	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b> Rocky Mountain	\$25.00
15	Elk Foundation	
16	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
17	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
18	School Technology	\$20.00
19	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
20	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
21	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
22	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
23	Personalized	\$20.00
24	Active Member of the National Guard	None
25	100% Disabled Veteran	None
26	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
27	Legion of Valor	None
28	Purple Heart Recipient	None
29	Silver Star Recipient	None
30	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00.

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

37	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>
38	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0
39	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0
40	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0
41	First in Forestry	\$10	0	\$10
42	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0
43	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006)</b> Harley	\$10	\$10	0
44	Owners' Group			

1	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
2	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
3	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0
4	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0
5	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0
6	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0
7	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0
8	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15
9	Personalized	\$10	0	\$10
10	<u>Retired Legislator</u>	<u>\$30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
11	<b>(Effective until June 30, 2006) Rocky</b>	\$10	\$15	0
12	Mountain Elk Foundation			
13	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0
14	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0
15	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0
16	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0
17	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0
18	Special Olympics	\$10	\$10	0
19	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
20	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0
21	The V Foundation for Cancer Research	\$10	\$15	0
22	University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0
23	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
24	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0.

- 25       (c)    Use of Funds in Special Registration Plate Account. –
- 26           (1)    The Division shall deduct the costs of special registration plates,
- 27               including the costs of issuing, handling, and advertising the availability
- 28               of the special plates, from the Special Registration Plate Account.
- 29           (2)    From the funds remaining in the Special Registration Plate Account
- 30               after the deductions in accordance with subdivision (1) of this
- 31               subsection, there is annually appropriated from the Special
- 32               Registration Plate Account the sum of five hundred twenty-five
- 33               thousand dollars (\$525,000) to provide operating assistance for the
- 34               Visitor Centers:
- 35               a.     on U.S. Highway 17 in Camden County, (\$75,000);
- 36               b.     on U.S. Highway 17 in Brunswick County, (\$75,000);
- 37               c.     on U.S. Highway 441 in Macon County, (\$75,000);
- 38               d.     in the Town of Boone, Watauga County, (\$75,000);
- 39               e.     on U.S. Highway 29 in Caswell County, (\$75,000);
- 40               f.     on U.S. Highway 70 in Carteret County, (\$75,000); and
- 41               g.     on U.S. Highway 64 in Tyrrell County, (\$75,000).
- 42           (3)    The Division shall transfer the remaining revenue in the Account
- 43               quarterly as follows:

- 1                   a.     Thirty-three percent (33%) to the account of the Department of  
2                   Commerce to aid in financing out-of-state print and other media  
3                   advertising under the program for the promotion of travel and  
4                   industrial development in this State.  
5                   b.     Fifty percent (50%) to the Department of Transportation to be  
6                   used solely for the purpose of beautification of highways other  
7                   than those designated as interstate. These funds shall be  
8                   administered by the Department of Transportation for  
9                   beautification purposes not inconsistent with good landscaping  
10                  and engineering principles.  
11                  c.     Seventeen percent (17%) to the account of the Department of  
12                  Health and Human Services to promote travel accessibility for  
13                  disabled persons in this State. These funds shall be used to  
14                  collect and update site information on travel attractions  
15                  designated by the Department of Commerce in its publications,  
16                  to provide technical assistance to travel attractions concerning  
17                  accommodation of disabled tourists, and to develop, print, and  
18                  promote the publication ACCESS NORTH CAROLINA as  
19                  provided in G.S. 168-2. Any funds allocated for these purposes  
20                  that are neither spent nor obligated at the end of the fiscal year  
21                  shall be transferred to the Department of Administration for  
22                  removal of man-made barriers to disabled travelers at  
23                  State-funded travel attractions. Guidelines for the removal of  
24                  man-made barriers shall be developed in consultation with the  
25                  Department of Health and Human Services."

26                  **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.