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HOUSE BILL 869

Short Title: Aurora Fossil Museum Special Plate. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cook (Primary Sponsor).
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Finance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A
3 SPECIAL PLATE FOR THE AURORA FOSSIL MUSEUM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-81.12(b2) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

6 "(b2) State Attraction Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a
7 State attraction plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer quarterly
8 the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of
9 State attraction plates to the organizations named below in proportion to the number of State
10 attraction plates sold representing that organization:

11 (1) Aurora Fossil Museum. – The revenue derived from the special plate shall
12 be transferred quarterly to the Aurora Fossil Museum Foundation, Inc., to be
13 used for educational programs, for enhancing collections, and for operating
14 expenses of the Aurora Fossil Museum.

15 ~~(1)~~(2) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. – The revenue derived from the special
16 plate shall be transferred quarterly to Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation for
17 use in promoting and preserving the Blue Ridge Parkway as a scenic
18 attraction in North Carolina. A person may obtain from the Division a
19 special registration plate under this subdivision for the registered owner of a
20 motor vehicle or a motorcycle. The registration fees and the restrictions on
21 the issuance of a specialized registration plate for a motorcycle are the same
22 as for any motor vehicle. The Division must receive a minimum of 300
23 applications to develop a special registration plate for a motorcycle.

24 ~~(1e)~~(3) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. – The revenue derived
25 from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the Friends of the
26 Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Inc., to be used for educational
27 materials, preservation programs, capital improvements for the portion of the
28 Great Smoky Mountains National Park that is located in North Carolina, and
29 operating expenses of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

30 ~~(1g)~~(4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail. – The revenue derived from the special
31 plate shall be transferred quarterly to The Appalachian Trail Conference to
32 be used for educational materials, preservation programs, trail maintenance,
33 trailway and viewshed acquisitions, trailway and viewshed easement
34 acquisitions, capital improvements for the portions of the Appalachian Trail



1 and connecting trails that are located in North Carolina, and related
2 administrative and operating expenses.

3 ~~(4i)~~(5) North Carolina State Parks. – One-half of the revenue derived from the
4 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to Natural Heritage Trust Fund
5 established under G.S. 113-77.7, and the remaining revenue shall be
6 transferred quarterly to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund established
7 under G.S. 113-44.15.

8 ~~(4j)~~(6) The North Carolina Aquariums. – The revenue derived from the special plate
9 shall be transferred quarterly to the North Carolina Aquarium Society, Inc.,
10 for its programs in support of the North Carolina Aquariums.

11 ~~(4m)~~(7) The North Carolina Arboretum. – The revenue derived from the special
12 plate shall be transferred quarterly to The North Carolina Arboretum Society
13 and used to help the Society obtain grants for the North Carolina Arboretum
14 and for capital improvements to the North Carolina Arboretum.

15 ~~(4p)~~(8) The North Carolina Maritime Museum. – The revenue derived from the
16 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to Friends of the Museum, North
17 Carolina Maritime Museum, Inc., to be used for educational programs and
18 conservation programs and for operating expenses of the North Carolina
19 Maritime Museum.

20 ~~(4t)~~(9) The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. – The revenue derived
21 from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the Friends of the
22 North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences for its programs in
23 support of the museum.

24 ~~(2)~~(10) The North Carolina Zoological Society. – The revenue derived from the
25 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to The North Carolina Zoological
26 Society, Incorporated, to be used for educational programs and conservation
27 programs at the North Carolina Zoo at Asheboro and for operating expenses
28 of the North Carolina Zoo at Asheboro."

29 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.