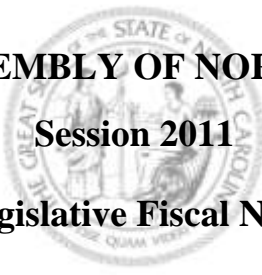


GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2011

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 289 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Authorize Various Special Plates.

SPONSOR(S): Representative Gillespie

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes ()	No ()	No Estimate Available (X)		
	<u>FY 2011-12</u>	<u>FY 2012-13</u>	<u>FY 2013-14</u>	<u>FY 2014-15</u>	<u>FY 2015-16</u>
REVENUES	*See Assumptions and Methodology*				
EXPENDITURES					
POSITIONS (cumulative):					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	Division of Motor Vehicles				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	July 1, 2011				

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 289 amends GS 20-79.4(b) to direct the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue various special registration license plates, contingent on receiving at least 300 applications per plate, categorized as follows:

- American Red Cross
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal Recipient
- Arthritis Foundation
- ARTS NC
- Battle of Kings Mountain
- Blue Knights
- Boy Scouts of America
- Brenner Children’s Hospital
- Carolina Raptor Center
- Carolina Regional Volleyball Association
- Carolinas Credit Union Foundation
- Carolinas Golf Association
- Childhood Cancer Awareness
- Choose Life
- City/County Clerk
- Coastal Land Trust

- Concerned Bikers Association/ABATE of North Carolina
- Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden
- Donate Life
- First in Turf
- Farmland Preservation
- Girl Scouts
- High Point Furniture Market 100th Anniversary
- Hollerin'
- Home of American Golf
- Jaycees
- Legion of Merit
- Lifetime Sportsman
- Mayor
- Mountains-to-Sea Trail
- Municipal Council
- National Defense Service Medal
- NC Beekeepers
- NC Civil War
- NC Fisheries Association
- NC Horse Council
- NC Mining
- NC Wildlife Federation
- NC Veterinary Medical Association
- NC Victim Assistance Network
- North Carolina Emergency Management Association
- North Carolina Master Gardener
- North Carolina State Flag
- Outer Banks Preservation Association
- P.E.O. Sisterhood
- Pamlico-Tar River Foundation
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
- Piedmont Airlines
- Relay for Life
- Ronald McDonald House
- School Board
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
- Silver Star Recipient/ Disabled Veteran
- S.T.A.R.
- Support NC Education
- Support Soccer
- Toastmasters Club
- Topsail Island Shoreline Protection
- Town of Oak Island
- Travel and Tourism

- United States Service Academy
- Victory Junction Gang Camp
- Vietnam Veterans of America

Adds the following State Attraction Plates contingent on receiving at least 300 applications per plate:

- Aurora Fossil Museum
- "Old Baldy," Bald Head Island Lighthouse
- U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Commission

Adds special registration license plates to the list of those identified in GS 20-63(b) that do not have to bear the phrase "First in Flight":

- ARTS NC
- Battle of Kings Mountain
- Carolina Raptor Center
- Carolinas Credit Union Foundation
- Choose Life
- Coastal Land Trust
- Donate Life
- Farmland Preservation
- NC Civil War
- NC Mining
- North Carolina State Flag
- North Carolina Zoological Society
- Travel and Tourism
- United States Service Academy.

Deletes the following special registration plate:

- Olympic Games

House Bill 289 changes the name of the US Navy Specialty plate to the US Navy Submarine Veteran plate.

The bill directs that the Division shall develop, in consultation with the State Highway Patrol and the Department of Correction, a standardized format for special license plates. Effective July 1, 2011, the bill enacts new GS 20-79.8 providing for the expiration of special registration plates authorized under GS 20-79.4 on July 1 of the second calendar year in which the plate was authorized if the required number of applications for the special plate has not been received by the DMV. The bill provides that a special plate authorization under GS 20-79.7 prior to July 1, 2011, expires as a matter of law on July 1, 2013, if the required number of applications has not been received.

Of the additional fees charged for each plate, the first ten dollars will go to the Special Registration Plate account. In cases where the fee is in excess of ten dollars, the remainder will go to the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate account to be transferred quarterly to the entity nominated within the bill.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

House Bill 289 authorizes certain special plates provided the Division receives 300 or more applications for a particular plate. The additional fees for the following plates are not specified: Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal Recipient, Blue Knights, Childhood Cancer Awareness, City/County Clerk, High Point Furniture Market 100th Anniversary, Hollerin', Legion of Merit, Lifetime Sportsman, Mayor, Municipal Council, National Defense Service Medal, North Carolina State Flag, Relay for Life, School Board, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Silver Star Recipient/Disabled Veteran, Town of Oak Island, United States Service Academy, Victory Junction Gang Camp, and Vietnam Veterans of America. According to G.S. 20-79.7, the additional fee for these plates would be \$10 per plate.

The Aurora Fossil Museum, "Old Baldy," Bald Head Island Lighthouse, and U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Commission plates qualify as State Attraction plates. According to G.S. 20-79.7, the additional fee for these plates will be \$30 per plate. The remainder of the special plate fees is specified in the bill. The chart below summarizes these fees.

Special Registration Plates: Fees Specified in HB 289

American Red Cross	\$30	NC Civil War	\$30
Arthritis Foundation	\$30	NC Fisheries Association	\$20
ARTS NC	\$30	NC Horse Council	\$20
Battle of Kings Mountain	\$20	NC Mining	\$20
Boy Scouts of America	\$30	NC Veterinary Medical Association	\$30
Brenner Children's Hospital	\$30	NC Victim Assistance Network	\$20
Carolina Raptor Center	\$30	NC Wildlife Federation	\$20
Carolina Regional Volleyball Association	\$15	North Carolina Emergency Management Association	\$30
Carolinas Credit Union Foundation	\$30	North Carolina Master Gardener	\$20
Carolinas Golf Association	\$30	Outer Banks Preservation Association	\$30
Choose Life	\$25	P.E.O. Sisterhood	\$30
Coastal Land Trust	\$30	Pamlico-Tar River Foundation	\$30
Concerned Bikers Association/ABATE of North Carolina	\$20	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity	\$20
Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden	\$30	Piedmont Airlines	\$20
Donate Life	\$20	Ronald McDonald House	\$30
Farmland Preservation	\$30	S.T.A.R.	\$30
First in Turf	\$25	Support NC Education	\$30
Girl Scouts	\$30	Support Soccer	\$25
Home of American Golf	\$30	Toastmasters Club	\$30
Jaycees	\$20	Topsail Island Shoreline Protection	\$30
Mountains-to-Sea Trail	\$30	Travel and Tourism	\$30
NC Beekeepers	\$15		

Of the additional fees charged for each plate, the first ten dollars will go to the Special Registration Plate account. In cases where the fee is in excess of ten dollars, the remainder will go to the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate account to be transferred quarterly to the entity nominated within the bill. Fiscal Research cannot estimate how many applications for each of the authorized plates will be received. Assuming there are at least 300 applications for each of these plates, they will each result in a \$3,000 revenue increase to the Special Registration Plate account for the period during which the applications are received. Each of these plates would also result in an increase in revenues to the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate account for distribution to the respective entity equal to the fee in excess of ten dollars multiplied by the 300 applications. If the plates do not reach the 300 application threshold, the plates will not be created and there will be no fiscal impact.

SOURCES OF DATA:

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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