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**HOUSE BILL 2165
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/29/08**

Short Title: ARTS NC and Military License Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 19, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE
2 A SPECIAL PLATE FOR ARTS NORTH CAROLINA, INC., TO CREATE
3 SPECIAL PLATES FOR AIR FORCE COMBAT ACTION MEDAL
4 RECIPIENTS, COMBAT ACTION BADGE RECIPIENTS, COMBAT ACTION
5 RIBBON RECIPIENTS, FOR COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE RECIPIENTS, AND
6 TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A MILITARY WARTIME VETERAN
7 SPECIAL PLATE.
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9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

11 "(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number
12 assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina,
13 which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of
14 expiration. A plate issued for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), and
15 weighing 26,001 pounds or more, must bear the word "commercial," unless the plate is
16 a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4 or the commercial vehicle is a
17 trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less. The plate issued for vehicles licensed for
18 7,000 pounds through 26,000 pounds must bear the word "weighted".

19 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a registration plate issued by the
20 Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a private hauler vehicle licensed for
21 6,000 pounds or less shall be a "First in Flight" plate. A "First in Flight" plate shall have
22 the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and
23 numerals. The background of the plate shall depict the Wright Brothers biplane flying
24 over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly upward and to the right. The
25 following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate. The
26 design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates must be approved by the Division
27 and the State Highway Patrol for clarity and ease of identification.

28 (1) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

29 (2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

- 1 (3) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.
- 2 (4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail.
- 3 (5) NC Coastal Federation.
- 4 (6) In God We Trust.
- 5 (7) Stock Car Racing Theme.
- 6 (8) Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation.
- 7 (9) Guilford Battleground Company.
- 8 (10) National Wild Turkey Federation.
- 9 (11) North Carolina Aquarium Society.
- 10 (12) First in Forestry.
- 11 (13) North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation.
- 12 (14) NC Trout Unlimited.
- 13 (15) Ducks Unlimited.
- 14 (16) Lung Cancer Research.
- 15 (17) NC State Parks.
- 16 (18) Support Our Troops.
- 17 (19) US Equine Rescue League.
- 18 (20) Fox Hunting.
- 19 (21) Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina.
- 20 (22) Hospice Care.
- 21 (23) Home Care and Hospice.
- 22 (24) NC Tennis Foundation.
- 23 (25) AIDS Awareness.
- 24 (26) ARTS NC.

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

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

- 28 ...
- 29 (10a) ARTS NC. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in
- 30 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "ARTS
- 31 NC" with a logo designed by ARTS North Carolina, Inc.
- 32"

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 a Legion of Valor award, a 100% disabled veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration plates, including additional Legion of Valor, 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>
41 <u>ARTS NC</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
42 Back Country Horsemen of NC	\$30.00
43 Coastal Conservation Association	\$30.00
44 Crystal Coast	\$30.00

1	El Pueblo	\$30.00
2	First in Forestry	\$30.00
3	Historical Attraction	\$30.00
4	Home Care and Hospice	\$30.00
5	HOMES4NC	\$30.00
6	Hospice Care	\$30.00
7	In God We Trust	\$30.00
8	Maggie Valley Trout Festival	\$30.00
9	National Kidney Foundation	\$30.00
10	North Carolina 4-H Development Fund	\$30.00
11	North Carolina Libraries	\$30.00
12	Personalized	\$30.00
13	Share the Road	\$30.00
14	State Attraction	\$30.00
15	Stock Car Racing Theme	\$30.00
16	Support Our Troops	\$30.00
17	AIDS Awareness	\$25.00
18	Buffalo Soldiers	\$25.00
19	Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
20	Goodness Grows	\$25.00
21	High School Insignia	\$25.00
22	Kids First	\$25.00
23	Olympic Games	\$25.00
24	National Multiple Sclerosis Society	\$25.00
25	National Wild Turkey Federation	\$25.00
26	NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
27	NC Children's Promise	\$25.00
28	NC Coastal Federation	\$30.00
29	Nurses	\$25.00
30	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00
31	Special Olympics	\$25.00
32	Surveyor Plate	\$25.00
33	The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
34	University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
35	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	\$20.00
36	ALS Association, Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter	\$20.00
37	Animal Lovers	\$20.00
38	ARC of North Carolina	\$20.00
39	Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
40	Autism Society of North Carolina	\$20.00
41	Be Active NC	\$20.00
42	Brain Injury Awareness	\$20.00
43	Breast Cancer Earlier Detection	\$20.00
44	Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation	\$20.00

1	Daughters of the American Revolution	\$20.00
2	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
3	Greyhound Friends of North Carolina	\$20.00
4	Guilford Battleground Company	\$20.00
5	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	\$20.00
6	Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
7	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
8	March of Dimes	\$20.00
9	NC Tennis Foundation	\$20.00
10	NC Trout Unlimited	\$20.00
11	NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation	\$20.00
12	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
13	Prince Hall Mason	\$20.00
14	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
15	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
16	School Technology	\$20.00
17	SCUBA	\$20.00
18	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
19	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
20	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
21	US Equine Rescue League	\$20.00
22	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
23	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$20.00
24	Carolina's Aviation Museum	\$15.00
25	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	\$15.00
26	Lung Cancer Research	\$15.00
27	Shag Dancing	\$15.00
28	Active Member of the National Guard	None
29	100% Disabled Veteran	None
30	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
31	Gold Star Lapel Button	None
32	Legion of Valor	None
33	Purple Heart Recipient	None
34	Silver Star Recipient	None
35	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

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

44	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
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1	AIDS Awareness	\$10	\$15	0	0
2	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
3	ALS Association, Jim "Catfish" Hunter				
4	Chapter	\$10	\$10	0	0
5	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0	0
6	ARC of North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
7	<u>ARTS NC</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
8	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
9	Autism Society of North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
10	Back Country Horsemen of NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
11	Be Active NC	\$10	\$10	0	0
12	Brain Injury Awareness	\$10	\$10	0	0
13	Breast Cancer Earlier Detection	\$10	\$10	0	0
14	Buddy Pelletier Surfing				
15	Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
16	Buffalo Soldiers	\$10	\$15	0	0
17	Carolina's Aviation Museum	\$10	\$5	0	0
18	Coastal Conservation Association	\$10	\$20	0	0
19	Crystal Coast	\$10	\$20	0	0
20	Daughters of the American				
21	Revolution	\$10	\$10	0	0
22	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
23	El Pueblo	\$10	\$20	0	0
24	First in Forestry	\$10	\$10	\$10	0
25	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0	0
26	Greyhound Friends of North				
27	Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
28	Guilford Battleground Company	\$10	\$10	0	0
29	Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0	0
30	High School Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
31	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
32	Home Care and Hospice	\$10	\$20	0	0
33	HOMES4NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
34	Hospice Care	\$10	\$20	0	0
35	In God We Trust	\$10	\$20	0	0
36	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
37	Juvenile Diabetes Research				
38	Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
39	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0	0
40	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	\$10	\$5	0	0
41	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0	0
42	Lung Cancer Research	\$10	\$5	0	0
43	Maggie Valley Trout Festival	\$10	\$20	0	0
44	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0	0

1	National Kidney Foundation	\$10	\$20	0	0
2	National Multiple Sclerosis				
3	Society	\$10	\$15	0	0
4	National Wild Turkey Federation	\$10	\$15	0	0
5	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0	0
6	NC Children's Promise	\$10	\$15	0	0
7	NC Coastal Federation	\$10	\$20	0	0
8	NC 4-H Development Fund	\$10	\$20	0	0
9	NC Tennis Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
10	NC Trout Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
11	North Carolina Libraries	\$10	\$20	0	0
12	NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
13	Nurses	\$10	\$15	0	0
14	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0	0
15	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
16	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15	0
17	Personalized	\$10	0	\$15	\$5
18	Prince Hall Mason	\$10	\$10	0	0
19	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$10	\$15	0	0
20	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0	0
21	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0	0
22	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0	0
23	SCUBA	\$10	\$10	0	0
24	Shag Dancing	\$10	\$5	0	0
25	Share the Road	\$10	\$20	0	0
26	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0	0
27	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0	0
28	Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0	0
29	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
30	Stock Car Racing Theme	\$10	\$20	0	0
31	Support Our Troops	\$10	\$20	0	0
32	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0	0
33	Surveyor Plate	\$10	\$15	0	0
34	The V Foundation for Cancer				
35	Research	\$10	\$15	0	0
36	University Health Systems of				
37	Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0	0
38	US Equine Rescue League	\$10	\$10	0	0
39	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0	0
40	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$10	\$10	0	0
41	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0	0."

42 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
 43 "(b73) ARTS NC. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the
 44 ARTS NC plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer

1 quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived
2 from the sale of ARTS NC plates to ARTS North Carolina, Inc., to provide funding to
3 promote the arts in North Carolina."

4 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
5 read:

6 "(3a) Air Force Combat Action Medal Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of
7 the Air Force Combat Action Medal. The plate shall bear the phrase
8 "Combat Action Medal" and a representation of the Combat Action
9 Medal. The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this
10 subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate."

11 **SECTION 7.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
12 read:

13 "(28a) Combat Action Badge Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the
14 Combat Action Badge. The plate shall bear the phrase "Combat Action
15 Badge" and a representation of the Combat Action Badge. The
16 Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless
17 it receives at least 300 applications for the plate."

18 **SECTION 8.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
19 read:

20 "(28b) Combat Action Ribbon Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the
21 Combat Action Ribbon. The plate shall bear the phrase "Combat
22 Action Ribbon" and a representation of the Combat Action Ribbon.
23 The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision
24 unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate."

25 **SECTION 9.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
26 read:

27 "(29a) Combat Medical Badge Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the
28 Combat Medical Badge. The plate shall bear the phrase "Combat
29 Medical Badge" and a representation of the Combat Medical Badge.
30 The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision
31 unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate."

32 **SECTION 10.** G.S. 20-79.4(b)(76) reads as rewritten:

33 "(76) Military Wartime Veteran. – Issuable to either a member or veteran of
34 the armed services of the United States who served during a period of
35 war, received a campaign or expeditionary medal for his or her service
36 during the eligible periods listed in this subdivision. If the person is a
37 veteran of the armed services, then the veteran must be separated from
38 the armed services under honorable conditions. The plate shall bear a
39 word or phrase identifying the period of war and a replica of the
40 campaign badge or medal awarded for that war. Except for World War
41 II and Korean Conflict plates, the Division may not issue a plate
42 authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300
43 applications for that plate, all the eligible periods combined. A "period
44 of war" An "eligible period" is any of the following:

- 1 a. World War I, meaning the period beginning April 16, 1917, and
2 ending November 11, 1918.
- 3 b. World War II, meaning the period beginning December 7,
4 1941, and ending December 31, 1946.
- 5 c. The Korean Conflict, meaning the period beginning June 27,
6 1950, and ending January 31, 1955.
- 7 d. The Vietnam Era, meaning the period beginning August 5,
8 1964, and ending May 7, 1975.
- 9 e. Desert Storm, meaning the period beginning August 2, 1990,
10 and ending April 11, 1991.
- 11 f. Operation Enduring Freedom, meaning the period beginning
12 October 24, 2001, and ending at a date to be determined.
- 13 g. Operation Iraqi Freedom, meaning the period beginning March
14 19, 2003, and ending at a date to be determined.
- 15 h. Any other campaign, expedition, or engagement for which the
16 United States Department of Defense authorizes a campaign
17 badge or medal."

18 **SECTION 11.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008