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SENATE BILL 566

Short Title: First in Turf Special Plate. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rouzer; Brock, Jackson, and Meredith.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A
FIRST IN TURF SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

- (1) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- (2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- (3) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.
- (4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail.
- (5) NC Coastal Federation.
- (6) In God We Trust.
- (7) Stock Car Racing Theme.
- (8) Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation.
- (9) Guilford Battleground Company.
- (10) National Wild Turkey Federation.
- (11) North Carolina Aquarium Society.
- (12) First in Forestry.
- (13) North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation.
- (14) NC Trout Unlimited.
- (15) Ducks Unlimited.
- (16) Lung Cancer Research.



- 1 (17) NC State Parks.
- 2 (18) Support Our Troops.
- 3 (19) US Equine Rescue League.
- 4 (20) Fox Hunting.
- 5 (21) Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina.
- 6 (22) Hospice Care.
- 7 (23) Home Care and Hospice.
- 8 (24) NC Tennis Foundation.
- 9 (25) AIDS Awareness.
- 10 (26) First in Turf."

11 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
 12 **"§ 20-79.4. Special registration plates.**

13 ...
 14 (b) Types. – The Division shall issue the following types of special registration plates:

15 ...
 16 (52a) First in Turf. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in
 17 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the words "First in
 18 Turf." The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision
 19 unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.

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21 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

22 "(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge a single
 23 Legion of Valor, 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of War registration plate to a
 24 recipient of a Legion of Valor award, a 100% disabled veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war each
 25 year. The preceding special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle
 26 registration fees in G.S. 20-88, if the registered weight of the vehicle is greater than 6,000
 27 pounds. All other special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration
 28 fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

Special Plate	Additional Fee Amount
30 Animal Lovers	\$30.00
31 Back Country Horsemen of NC	\$30.00
32 Coastal Conservation Association	\$30.00
33 Crystal Coast	\$30.00
34 El Pueblo	\$30.00
35 First in Forestry	\$30.00
36 <u>First in Turf</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
37 Historical Attraction	\$30.00
38 Home Care and Hospice	\$30.00
39 HOMES4NC	\$30.00
40 Hospice Care	\$30.00
41 In God We Trust	\$30.00
42 Maggie Valley Trout Festival	\$30.00
43 National Kidney Foundation	\$30.00
44 North Carolina 4-H Development Fund	\$30.00
45 North Carolina Libraries	\$30.00
46 Personalized	\$30.00
47 Share the Road	\$30.00
48 State Attraction	\$30.00
49 Stock Car Racing Theme	\$30.00
50 Support Our Troops	\$30.00
51 AIDS Awareness	\$25.00

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	National Multiple Sclerosis Society	\$25.00
8	National Wild Turkey Federation	\$25.00
9	NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
10	NC Children's Promise	\$25.00
11	NC Coastal Federation	\$30.00
12	Nurses	\$25.00
13	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00
14	Special Olympics	\$25.00
15	Surveyor Plate	\$25.00
16	The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
17	University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
18	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	\$20.00
19	ALS Association, Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter	\$20.00
20	ARC of North Carolina	\$20.00
21	Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
22	Autism Society of North Carolina	\$20.00
23	Be Active NC	\$20.00
24	Brain Injury Awareness	\$20.00
25	Breast Cancer Earlier Detection	\$20.00
26	Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation	\$20.00
27	Daughters of the American Revolution	\$20.00
28	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
29	Greyhound Friends of North Carolina	\$20.00
30	Guilford Battleground Company	\$20.00
31	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	\$20.00
32	Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
33	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
34	March of Dimes	\$20.00
35	NC Tennis Foundation	\$20.00
36	NC Trout Unlimited	\$20.00
37	NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation	\$20.00
38	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
39	Prince Hall Mason	\$20.00
40	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
41	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
42	School Technology	\$20.00
43	SCUBA	\$20.00
44	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
45	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
46	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
47	US Equine Rescue League	\$20.00
48	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
49	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$20.00
50	Carolina's Aviation Museum	\$15.00
51	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	\$15.00

1	Lung Cancer Research	\$15.00
2	Shag Dancing	\$15.00
3	Active Member of the National Guard	None
4	100% Disabled Veteran	None
5	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
6	Gold Star Lapel Button	None
7	Legion of Valor	None
8	Purple Heart Recipient	None
9	Silver Star Recipient	None
10	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

11 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

12 "(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the Collegiate
13 and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division
14 must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed in subsection (a)
15 of this section among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and
16 Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Natural Heritage Trust Fund (NHTF), which
17 is established under G.S. 113-77.7, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is
18 established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

19	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
20	AIDS Awareness	\$10	\$15	0	0
21	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
22	ALS Association, Jim "Catfish"				
23	Hunter Chapter	\$10	\$10	0	0
24	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$20	0	0
25	ARC of North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
26	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
27	Autism Society of North				
28	Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
29	Back Country Horsemen of NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
30	Be Active NC	\$10	\$10	0	0
31	Brain Injury Awareness	\$10	\$10	0	0
32	Breast Cancer Earlier Detection	\$10	\$10	0	0
33	Buddy Pelletier Surfing				
34	Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
35	Buffalo Soldiers	\$10	\$15	0	0
36	Carolina's Aviation Museum	\$10	\$5	0	0
37	Coastal Conservation				
38	Association	\$10	\$20	0	0
39	Crystal Coast	\$10	\$20	0	0
40	Daughters of the American				
41	Revolution	\$10	\$10	0	0
42	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
43	El Pueblo	\$10	\$20	0	0
44	First in Forestry	\$10	\$10	\$10	0
45	<u>First in Turf</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
46	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0	0
47	Greyhound Friends of North				
48	Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
49	Guilford Battleground				
50	Company	\$10	\$10	0	0
51	Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0	0

1	High School Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
2	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
3	Home Care and Hospice	\$10	\$20	0	0
4	HOMES4NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
5	Hospice Care	\$10	\$20	0	0
6	In God We Trust	\$10	\$20	0	0
7	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
8	Juvenile Diabetes Research				
9	Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
10	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0	0
11	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	\$10	\$5	0	0
12	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0	0
13	Lung Cancer Research	\$10	\$5	0	0
14	Maggie Valley Trout Festival	\$10	\$20	0	0
15	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0	0
16	National Kidney Foundation	\$10	\$20	0	0
17	National Multiple Sclerosis				
18	Society	\$10	\$15	0	0
19	National Wild Turkey				
20	Federation	\$10	\$15	0	0
21	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0	0
22	NC Children's Promise	\$10	\$15	0	0
23	NC Coastal Federation	\$10	\$20	0	0
24	NC 4-H Development Fund	\$10	\$20	0	0
25	NC Tennis Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
26	NC Trout Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
27	North Carolina Libraries	\$10	\$20	0	0
28	NC Wildlife Habitat				
29	Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
30	Nurses	\$10	\$15	0	0
31	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0	0
32	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
33	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15	0
34	Personalized	\$10	0	\$15	\$5
35	Prince Hall Mason	\$10	\$10	0	0
36	Rocky Mountain Elk				
37	Foundation	\$10	\$15	0	0
38	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0	0
39	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0	0
40	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0	0
41	SCUBA	\$10	\$10	0	0
42	Shag Dancing	\$10	\$5	0	0
43	Share the Road	\$10	\$20	0	0
44	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0	0
45	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0	0
46	Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0	0
47	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
48	Stock Car Racing Theme	\$10	\$20	0	0
49	Support Our Troops	\$10	\$20	0	0
50	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0	0
51	Surveyor Plate	\$10	\$15	0	0

1	The V Foundation for Cancer				
2	Research	\$10	\$15	0	0
3	University Health Systems of				
4	Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0	0
5	US Equine Rescue League	\$10	\$10	0	0
6	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0	0
7	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$10	\$10	0	0
8	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0	0."

9 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
10 "(b73) First in Turf. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the First in
11 Turf plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money
12 in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of First in Turf to
13 Center for Turfgrass Environmental Research & Education at North Carolina State University
14 to be used to support turfgrass research and education in North Carolina."

15 **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.