

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**SENATE BILL 1036
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY PLATE FOR MOTORCYCLES AND TO ISSUE A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE FOR THE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA AND FOR THE MAGGIE VALLEY TROUT FESTIVAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it 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".

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.
- (17) NC State Parks.
- (18) Support Our Troops.
- (19) US Equine Rescue League.
- (20) Fox Hunting.

(21) Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina."

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

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

...
(13a) Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear a picture of a horseman trail riding and bear the phrase 'Back Country Horsemen of NC.'

...
(68a) Maggie Valley Trout Festival. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the Trout Festival logo.

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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> |
|---|------------------------------|
| <u>Back Country Horsemen of NC</u> | \$30.00 |
| Coastal Conservation Association | \$30.00 |
| Crystal Coast | \$30.00 |
| El Pueblo | \$30.00 |
| First in Forestry | \$30.00 |
| Historical Attraction | \$30.00 |
| HOMES4NC | \$30.00 |
| In God We Trust | \$30.00 |
| <u>Maggie Valley Trout Festival</u> | \$30.00 |
| North Carolina 4-H Development Fund | \$30.00 |
| North Carolina Libraries | \$30.00 |
| Personalized | \$30.00 |
| Share the Road | \$30.00 |
| State Attraction | \$30.00 |
| Stock Car Racing Theme | \$30.00 |
| Support Our Troops | \$30.00 |
| Buffalo Soldiers | \$25.00 |
| Collegiate Insignia | \$25.00 |
| Goodness Grows | \$25.00 |
| High School Insignia | \$25.00 |
| Kids First | \$25.00 |
| Olympic Games | \$25.00 |
| National Multiple Sclerosis Society | \$25.00 |
| National Wild Turkey Federation | \$25.00 |
| NC Agribusiness | \$25.00 |
| NC Children's Promise | \$25.00 |
| NC Coastal Federation | \$25.00 |
| Nurses | \$25.00 |
| Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation | \$25.00 |
| Special Olympics | \$25.00 |
| Surveyor Plate | \$25.00 |
| The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division | \$25.00 |
| University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina | \$25.00 |

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| Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity | \$20.00 |
| Animal Lovers | \$20.00 |
| ARC of North Carolina | \$20.00 |
| Audubon North Carolina | \$20.00 |
| Autism Society of North Carolina | \$20.00 |
| Be Active NC | \$20.00 |
| Breast Cancer Awareness | \$20.00 |
| Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation | \$20.00 |
| Daughters of the American Revolution | \$20.00 |
| Ducks Unlimited | \$20.00 |
| Greyhound Friends of North Carolina | \$20.00 |
| Guilford Battleground Company | \$20.00 |
| Harley Owners' Group | \$20.00 |
| Litter Prevention | \$20.00 |
| March of Dimes | \$20.00 |
| NC Trout Unlimited | \$20.00 |
| NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation | \$20.00 |
| Omega Psi Phi Fraternity | \$20.00 |
| Prince Hall Mason | \$20.00 |
| Save the Sea Turtles | \$20.00 |
| Scenic Rivers | \$20.00 |
| School Technology | \$20.00 |
| SCUBA | \$20.00 |
| Soil and Water Conservation | \$20.00 |
| Special Forces Association | \$20.00 |
| Support Public Schools | \$20.00 |
| US Equine Rescue League | \$20.00 |
| Wildlife Resources | \$20.00 |
| Zeta Phi Beta Sorority | \$20.00 |
| Carolina's Aviation Museum | \$15.00 |
| Leukemia & Lymphoma Society | \$15.00 |
| Lung Cancer Research | \$15.00 |
| Shag Dancing | \$15.00 |
| Active Member of the National Guard | None |
| 100% Disabled Veteran | None |
| Ex-Prisoner of War | None |
| Legion of Valor | None |
| Purple Heart Recipient | None |
| Silver Star Recipient | None |
| 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:

| <u>Special Plate</u> | <u>SRPA</u> | <u>CCAPA</u> | <u>NHTF</u> | <u>PRTF</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Animal Lovers | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| ARC of North Carolina | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Audubon North Carolina | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Autism Society of North Carolina | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Back Country Horsemen of NC</u> | <u>\$10</u> | <u>\$20</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |

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| Be Active NC | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Breast Cancer Awareness | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Buffalo Soldiers | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| Carolina's Aviation Museum | \$10 | \$5 | 0 | 0 |
| Coastal Conservation Association | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| Crystal Coast | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| Daughters of the American Revolution | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Ducks Unlimited | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| El Pueblo | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| First in Forestry | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| Goodness Grows | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| Greyhound Friends of North Carolina | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Guilford Battleground Company | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Harley Owners' Group | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| High School Insignia | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| Historical Attraction | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| HOMES4NC | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| In God We Trust | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| In-State Collegiate Insignia | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| Kids First | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| Leukemia & Lymphoma Society | \$10 | \$5 | 0 | 0 |
| Litter Prevention | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Lung Cancer Research | \$10 | \$5 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Maggie Valley Trout Festival</u> | <u>\$10</u> | <u>\$20</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| March of Dimes | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| National Multiple Sclerosis Society | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| National Wild Turkey Federation | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| NC Agribusiness | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| NC Children's Promise | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| NC Coastal Federation | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| NC 4-H Development Fund | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| NC Trout Unlimited | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| North Carolina Libraries | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Nurses | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| Olympic Games | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| Omega Psi Phi Fraternity | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia | \$10 | 0 | \$15 | 0 |
| Personalized | \$10 | 0 | \$15 | \$5 |
| Prince Hall Mason | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| Save the Sea Turtles | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Scenic Rivers | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| School Technology | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| SCUBA | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Shag Dancing | \$10 | \$5 | 0 | 0 |
| Share the Road | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| Soil and Water Conservation | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Forces Association | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |

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| Special Olympics | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| State Attraction | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| Stock Car Racing Theme | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| Support Our Troops | \$10 | \$20 | 0 | 0 |
| Support Public Schools | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Surveyor Plate | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| The V Foundation for Cancer Research | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina | \$10 | \$15 | 0 | 0 |
| US Equine Rescue League | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Wildlife Resources | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| Zeta Phi Beta Sorority | \$10 | \$10 | 0 | 0 |
| All other Special Plates | \$10 | 0 | 0 | 0." |

SECTION 5. G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding the following new subsections to read:

"(b62) Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina plates to the Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina to promote the development and maintenance of back country trails for trail riding.

"(b63) Maggie Valley Trout Festival. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a Maggie Valley Trout Festival plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Maggie Valley Trout Festival plates to the Town of Maggie Valley to promote trout fishing in Maggie Valley."

SECTION 6. G.S. 20-81.12(b2)(1) reads as rewritten:

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

SECTION 7. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of August, 2007.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2007