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HOUSE BILL 445

Short Title: NCSU Turtle Rescue Team Special Plate. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Gill (Primary Sponsor).

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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 REGISTRATION PLATE FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE  
4 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE TURTLE RESCUE TEAM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

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

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9 ( ) Turtle Rescue Team. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in  
10 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear a phrase and logo  
11 selected by the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary  
12 Medicine Turtle Rescue Team.

13 ...."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

15 "**§ 20-79.7. Fees for special registration plates and distribution of the fees.**

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

23 Special Plate Additional Fee Amount

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25 Travel and Tourism \$30.00

26 Turtle Rescue Team \$30.00

27 AIDS Awareness \$25.00

28 ...."

29 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

30 "(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the Collegiate  
31 and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division  
32 must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed in subsection (a)  
33 of this section among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and  
34 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>
...				
Travel and Tourism	\$10	\$20	0	0
<u>Turtle Rescue Team</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0	0
...."				

**SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(b126) Turtle Rescue Team. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for a Turtle Rescue Team plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Turtle Rescue Team plates to the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine Turtle Rescue Team to support its mission of providing medical, surgical, and husbandry services free of charge in the hope of releasing rehabilitated turtles back into the wild."

**SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.