

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013**

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**SENATE BILL 282**

Short Title:    Operation Coming Home Special Plate. (Public)

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Sponsors:     Senators Hunt (Primary Sponsor); Goolsby, Jackson, and Rabin.

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Referred to:   Finance.

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March 14, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A  
SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE FOR OPERATION COMING HOME, INC.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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(1) Operation Coming Home. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "Operation Coming Home" with a logo designed by Operation Coming Home, Inc.

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

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

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

Special Plate	Additional Fee Amount
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North Carolina Libraries	\$30.00
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<u>Operation Coming Home</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
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Outer Banks Preservation Association	\$30.00
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**SECTION 3.** 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) of this section 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>
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2	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
3	<u>Operation Coming Home</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15	0
5	...."				

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

"(b126) Operation Coming Home. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for an "Operation Coming Home" 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 "Operation Coming Home" plates to the Operation Coming Home Foundation, Inc., to support its mission of providing free, custom-built homes to injured combat veterans."

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