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**SENATE BILL 1373
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Short Title: Various Special Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR A BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
2 SPECIAL PLATE TO SUPPORT SERVICES TO DETECT BREAST CANCER
3 EARLIER; TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE
4 THE FOLLOWING NEW SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES: CAROLINA'S
5 AVIATION MUSEUM, EMT, FOX HUNTING, GOLD STAR, GREYHOUND
6 FRIENDS OF NC, KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, LEUKEMIA &
7 LYMPHOMA SOCIETY, LUNG CANCER RESEARCH, NC CHILDREN'S
8 PROMISE, NC STATE PARKS, PRINCE HALL MASON, SUPPORT OUR
9 TROOPS, AND US EQUINE RESCUE LEAGUE; TO ELIMINATE THE
10 REGISTRATION PLATE FEE REQUIREMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO
11 QUALIFY FOR THE LEGION OF VALOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE;
12 TO ADD THE DUCKS UNLIMITED SPECIAL PLATE TO THE LIST OF
13 PLATES NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A "FIRST IN FLIGHT" BACKGROUND;
14 TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO ISSUE AN INTERNATIONAL
15 ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS SPECIAL PLATE TO A SURVIVING
16 SPOUSE; AND TO REPEAL THE SUNSET ON THE HARLEY OWNERS'
17 GROUP AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION SPECIAL LICENSE
18 PLATES.
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20 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

22 "(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number
23 assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina,
24 which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of
25 expiration. A plate issued for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), and
26 weighing 26,001 pounds or more, must bear the word "commercial," unless the plate is
27 a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4 or the commercial vehicle is a

1 trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less. The plate issued for vehicles licensed for
 2 7,000 pounds through 26,000 pounds must bear the word "weighted".

3 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a registration plate issued by the
 4 Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a private hauler vehicle licensed for
 5 6,000 pounds or less shall be a "First in Flight" plate. A "First in Flight" plate shall have
 6 the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and
 7 numerals. The background of the plate shall depict the Wright Brothers biplane flying
 8 over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly upward and to the right. The
 9 following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate. The
 10 design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates must be approved by the Division
 11 and the State Highway Patrol for clarity and ease of identification.

- 12 (1) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- 13 (2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- 14 (3) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.
- 15 (4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail.
- 16 (5) NC Coastal Federation.
- 17 (6) In God We Trust.
- 18 (7) Stock Car Racing Theme.
- 19 (8) Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation.
- 20 (9) Guilford Battleground Company.
- 21 (10) National Wild Turkey Federation.
- 22 (11) North Carolina Aquarium Society.
- 23 (12) First in Forestry.
- 24 (13) North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation.
- 25 (14) NC Trout Unlimited.
- 26 (15) Ducks Unlimited.
- 27 (16) Lung Cancer Research.
- 28 (17) NC State Parks.
- 29 (18) Support Our Troops.
- 30 (19) US Equine Rescue League."

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

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

- 34 ...
- 35 (3h) Breast Cancer Awareness. – Issuable to the registered owner of a
 36 motor ~~vehicle.~~vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate
 37 shall bear the phrase "Early Detection Saves Lives" and a
 38 representation of a pink ribbon. ~~The Division must receive 300 or~~
 39 ~~more applications for the plate before it may be developed.~~
- 40 ...
- 41 (3n) Carolina's Aviation Museum. – This plate is issuable to the registered
 42 owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate
 43 shall bear the phrase "Carolina's Aviation Museum" and a logo
 44 provided by the museum.

- 1 ...
2 (14e) Emergency Medical Technician. – Issuable to an emergency medical
3 technician, as defined in G.S. 131E-155. The plate shall bear the Star
4 of Life logo and the letters "EMT". The Division may not issue the
5 plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300
6 applications for the plate.
7 ...
8 (15c) Fox Hunting. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle.
9 The plate shall bear the phrase "Fox Hunting" and a picture of a
10 foxhound on the left side and a picture of a fox on the right side. The
11 Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless
12 it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.
13 ...
14 (16b) Greyhound Friends of North Carolina. – Issuable to the registered
15 owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate
16 shall bear the phrase "Greyhound Friends of North Carolina" and a
17 picture of a greyhound.
18 ...
19 (16f) Gold Star Lapel Button. – Issuable to the recipient of the Gold Star
20 lapel button. The plate shall bear the emblem of the Gold Star lapel
21 button and the words "Gold Star". The Division may not issue the plate
22 authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300
23 applications for the plate.
24 ...
25 (19b) International Association of Fire Fighters. —Issuable to a member of
26 the International Association of Fire Fighters. The plate authorized by
27 this subdivision shall bear the logo of the International Association of
28 Fire Fighters. The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this
29 subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.
30 The plate is issuable to one of the following:
31 a. A person who presents proof of active membership in the
32 International Association of Fire Fighters for the year in which
33 the license plate is sought.
34 b. The surviving spouse of a person who was a member of the
35 International Association of Fire Fighters, so long as the
36 surviving spouse continues to renew the plate and does not
37 remarry.
38 ...
39 (20f) Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. – Issuable to the registered owner of a
40 motor vehicle. The plate shall bear the fraternity's symbol and name.
41 The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision
42 unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.
43 ...

1 (22c) Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. – Issuable to the registered owner of
 2 a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear
 3 the phrase and logo provided by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
 4 that reflects "TEAM IN TRAINING".

5 ...

6 (22k) Lung Cancer Research. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
 7 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the
 8 phrase "Lung Cancer Research" and a representation of the American
 9 Lung Association's Red Cross.

10 ...

11 (28k) NC Children's Promise. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
 12 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the
 13 phrase "N.C. Children's Promise" and a logo representing the North
 14 Carolina Children's Promise organization.

15 ...

16 (32g) Prince Hall Mason. – This plate is issuable to the registered owner of a
 17 motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear
 18 the phrase "Prince Hall Mason" and a picture of the Masonic symbol.

19 ...

20 (45a) Support Our Troops. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
 21 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear a
 22 picture of a soldier and a child and shall bear the words: "Support Our
 23 Troops".

24 ...

25 (46c) US Equine Rescue League. – Issuable to the registered owner of a
 26 motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear
 27 the phrase "United States Equine Rescue League", and a depiction of
 28 two horses in a circle."

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

30 (a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge one
 31 registration plate to a recipient of ~~the Congressional Medal of Honor, a Legion of Valor~~
 32 award, a 100% disabled veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration
 33 plates, including additional ~~Congressional Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor, 100%~~
 34 Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of War plates, are subject to the regular motor
 35 vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the
 36 following amount:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
37 Coastal Conservation Association	\$30.00
38 Crystal Coast	\$30.00
39 El Pueblo	\$30.00
40 First in Forestry	\$30.00
41 Historical Attraction	\$30.00
42 HOMES4NC	\$30.00
43 In God We Trust	\$30.00

1	North Carolina 4-H Development Fund	\$30.00
2	North Carolina Libraries	\$30.00
3	Personalized	\$30.00
4	Share the Road	\$30.00
5	State Attraction	\$30.00
6	Stock Car Racing Theme	\$30.00
7	<u>Support Our Troops</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
8	Buffalo Soldiers	\$25.00
9	Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
10	Goodness Grows	\$25.00
11	High School Insignia	\$25.00
12	Kids First	\$25.00
13	Olympic Games	\$25.00
14	National Multiple Sclerosis Society	\$25.00
15	National Wild Turkey Federation	\$25.00
16	NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
17	<u>NC Children's Promise</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
18	NC Coastal Federation	\$25.00
19	Nurses	\$25.00
20	(Effective until June 30, 2006) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00
21	Special Olympics	\$25.00
22	Surveyor Plate	\$25.00
23	The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
24	University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
25	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	\$20.00
26	Animal Lovers	\$20.00
27	ARC of North Carolina	\$20.00
28	Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
29	Autism Society of North Carolina	\$20.00
30	Be Active NC	\$20.00
31	<u>Breast Cancer Awareness</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
32	Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation	\$20.00
33	Daughters of the American Revolution	\$20.00
34	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
35	<u>Greyhound Friends of North Carolina</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
36	Guilford Battleground Company	\$20.00
37	(Effective until June 30, 2006) Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
38	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
39	March of Dimes	\$20.00
40	NC Trout Unlimited	\$20.00
41	NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation	\$20.00
42	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
43	<u>Prince Hall Mason</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
44	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00

1	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
2	School Technology	\$20.00
3	SCUBA	\$20.00
4	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
5	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
6	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
7	<u>US Equine Rescue League</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
8	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
9	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$20.00
10	<u>Carolina's Aviation Museum</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
11	<u>Leukemia & Lymphoma Society</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
12	<u>Lung Cancer Research</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
13	Shag Dancing	\$15.00
14	Active Member of the National Guard	None
15	100% Disabled Veteran	None
16	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
17	Legion of Valor	None
18	Purple Heart Recipient	None
19	Silver Star Recipient	None
20	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>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>	
29	<u>Special Plate</u>				
30	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
31	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0	0
32	ARC of North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
33	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
34	Autism Society of North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
35	Be Active NC	\$10	\$10	0	0
36	<u>Breast Cancer Awareness</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
37	Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
38	Buffalo Soldiers	\$10	\$15	0	0
39	<u>Carolina's Aviation Museum</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
40	Coastal Conservation Association	\$10	\$20	0	0
41	Crystal Coast	\$10	\$20	0	0
42	Daughters of the American				
43	Revolution	\$10	\$10	0	0
44	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0

1	El Pueblo	\$10	\$20	0	0
2	First in Forestry	\$10	\$10	\$10	0
3	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0	0
4	<u>Greyhound Friends of</u>				
5	<u>North Carolina</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
6	Guilford Battleground				
7	Company	\$10	\$10	0	0
8	(Effective until June 30, 2006)				
9	Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0	0
10	High School Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
11	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
12	HOMES4NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
13	In God We Trust	\$10	\$20	0	0
14	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
15	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0	0
16	<u>Leukemia & Lymphoma Society</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
17	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0	0
18	<u>Lung Cancer Research</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
19	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0	0
20	National Multiple Sclerosis				
21	Society	\$10	\$15	0	0
22	National Wild Turkey				
23	Federation	\$10	\$15	0	0
24	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0	0
25	<u>NC Children's Promise</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
26	NC Coastal Federation	\$10	\$15	0	0
27	NC 4-H Development Fund	\$10	\$20	0	0
28	NC Trout Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
29	North Carolina Libraries	\$10	\$20	0	0
30	NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
31	Nurses	\$10	\$15	0	0
32	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0	0
33	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
34	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15	0
35	Personalized	\$10	0	\$15	\$5
36	<u>Prince Hall Mason</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
37	(Effective until June 30, 2006)				
38	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$10	\$15	0	0
39	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0	0
40	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0	0
41	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0	0
42	SCUBA	\$10	\$10	0	0
43	Shag Dancing	\$10	\$5	0	0
44	Share the Road	\$10	\$20	0	0

1	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0	0
2	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0	0
3	Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0	0
4	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
5	Stock Car Racing Theme	\$10	\$20	0	0
6	<u>Support Our Troops</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
7	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0	0
8	Surveyor Plate	\$10	\$15	0	0
9	The V Foundation for Cancer				
10	Research	\$10	\$15	0	0
11	University Health Systems of				
12	Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0	0
13	<u>US Equine Rescue League</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
14	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0	0
15	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$10	\$10	0	0
16	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0	0."

17 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-81.12(b2) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
18 read:

19 "(b2) State Attraction Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications
20 for a State attraction plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must
21 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account
22 derived from the sale of State attraction plates to the organizations named below in
23 proportion to the number of State attraction plates sold representing that organization:

24 ...

25 (1i) North Carolina State Parks. – One-half of the revenue derived from the
26 special plate shall be transferred quarterly to Natural Heritage Trust
27 Fund established under G.S. 113-77.7, and the remaining revenue shall
28 be transferred quarterly to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund
29 established under G.S. 113-44.15."

30 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding the following new
31 subsections to read:

32 "(b53) Breast Cancer Awareness. – The Division must receive 300 or more
33 applications for a Breast Cancer Awareness plate before the plate may be developed.
34 The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction
35 Plate Account derived from the sale of Breast Cancer Awareness plates to Friends for an
36 Earlier Breast Cancer Test, Inc., to support services to detect breast cancer earlier.

37 (b54) Carolina's Aviation Museum. – The Division must receive 300 or more
38 applications for a Carolina's Aviation Museum plate before the plate may be developed.
39 The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction
40 Plate Account derived from the sale of Carolina's Aviation Museum plates to the
41 Carolina's Historic Aviation Commission, a domestic nonprofit corporation, to be used
42 to help continue operation of the Museum.

43 (b55) Greyhound Friends of North Carolina. – The Division must receive 300 or
44 more applications for a Greyhound Friends of North Carolina plate before the plate may

1 be developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and
2 Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of the Greyhound Friends of
3 North Carolina plates to the Greyhound Friends of North Carolina, Inc., to be used for
4 the care and upkeep of retired greyhound racers that are awaiting adoption.

5 (b56) Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. – The Division must receive 300 or more
6 applications for a Leukemia & Lymphoma Society plate before the plate may be
7 developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and
8 Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Leukemia & Lymphoma
9 Society plates to the Eastern Chapter of the North Carolina Leukemia & Lymphoma
10 Society, a State-chartered chapter of the national nonprofit organization known as The
11 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc., a duly registered New York nonprofit
12 corporation. These funds may be divided between the Eastern and Western chapters of
13 the North Carolina Leukemia & Lymphoma Society which shall each use the funds for
14 blood cancer research, awareness, and education.

15 (b57) Lung Cancer Research. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications
16 for the Lung Cancer Research plate before the plate may be developed. The Division
17 must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate
18 Account derived from the sale of Lung Cancer Research plates to the American Lung
19 Association of North Carolina, Inc., to be used for eliminating lung disease and
20 fostering healthy breathing for all people through prevention, outreach, education,
21 research, and advocacy.

22 (b58) NC Children's Promise. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications
23 for a N.C. Children's Promise plate before the plate may be developed. The Division
24 must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate
25 Account derived from the sale of NC Children's Promise plates to The Medical
26 Foundation of North Carolina, Incorporated, to be used to support the North Carolina
27 Children's Promise.

28 (b59) Prince Hall Mason. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for
29 a Prince Hall Mason plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must
30 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account
31 derived from the sale of Prince Hall Mason plates to The Most Worshipful Prince Hall
32 Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc., to
33 be used for scholarships, family assistance, and other charitable causes.

34 (b60) Support Our Troops. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications
35 for a Support Our Troops plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall
36 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account
37 derived from the sale of Support Our Troops plates to NC Support Our Troops, Inc., to
38 be used to provide support and assistance to the troops and their families.

39 (b61) US Equine Rescue League. – The Division must receive 300 or more
40 applications for the US Equine Rescue League plate before the plate may be developed.
41 The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction
42 Plate Account derived from the sale of US Equine Rescue League plates to the United
43 States Equine Rescue League, Inc., to be used for the care and upkeep of rescued
44 equines."

1 **SECTION 7.** Section 8 of S.L. 2001-498 reads as rewritten:

2 **"SECTION 8.** Section 7 of this act becomes effective at the earliest practical date,
3 but no later than January 1, 2003. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes
4 law. ~~Sections 1(b), 3(b), 4(b), and 6(b) expire on June 30, 2006.~~"

5 **SECTION 8.** As applied to G.S. 20-79.4, the authority in G.S. 164-10 for
6 the Division of Legislative Drafting and Codification to reletter or renumber section
7 subdivisions includes the authority to renumber all the subdivisions in G.S. 20-79.4(b)
8 in sequential and alphabetical order and to eliminate mixed number-letter subdivision
9 designations. This section expires July 1, 2011.

10 **SECTION 9.** The increase in the additional fee for the Breast Cancer
11 Awareness special plate, as amended in Section 3 of this act, becomes effective January
12 1, 2007, and applies to plates issued or renewed on or after that date. The remainder of
13 this act is effective when it becomes law.