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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE DISABLED VETERAN AND PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO PRODUCE AN "ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REQUIRED FOR COLLEGIATE INSIGNIA PLATES FOR PUBLIC MILITARY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO PRODUCE AN "ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR PRINCE HALL AFFILIATED" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT RENEWAL IS NOT REQUIRED FOR A HANDICAPPED PLACARD THAT EXPIRES AFTER THE PERSON TO WHOM IT IS ISSUED IS EIGHTY YEARS OF AGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE DISABLED VETERAN AND PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

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(64) Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who suffered a 100% service-connected disability. 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.

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(183) Partially Disabled Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who suffered a service connected disability of less than 100%. 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.

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SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Free of Charge. – Upon request, ~~the~~ and except for the special registration plate listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the Division shall annually provide and issue free of charge a single special registration plate listed in this subsection to a person qualified to receive the plate in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a2). For the special registration plate listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection, and upon request, the Division shall annually provide and issue free of charge a



1 single registration plate for both a motor vehicle and a motorcycle to a person qualified to receive
2 each plate in accordance with G.S. 20-79.4(a2). This subsection does not apply to a special
3 registration plate issued for a vehicle that has a registered weight greater than 6,000 pounds. The
4 regular motor vehicle registration fees in G.S. 20-88 apply if the registered weight of the vehicle
5 is greater than 6,000 pounds:

- 6 (1) A Legion of Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Legion of Valor
7 award.
- 8 (2) A 100% Disabled Veteran registration plate to a 100% disabled veteran.
- 9 (3) An Ex-Prisoner of War registration plate to an ex-prisoner of war.
- 10 (4) A Bronze Star Valor registration plate to a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal
11 for valor in combat award.
- 12 (5) A Silver Star registration plate to a recipient of the Silver Star award."

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14 **AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE AN "ALPHA**
15 **PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE**

16 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 20-63(b1)(47) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its
17 repeal.

18 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 20-79.4(b)(6) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its
19 repeal.

20 **SECTION 2.(c)** The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity special registration plate listed as
21 expired in G.S. 20-79.7(a1) and (b) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its repeal.

22 **SECTION 2.(d)** The additional fee amount for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
23 special registration plate listed under G.S. 20-79.7(a1), as reenacted by this section, is modified
24 to thirty dollars (\$30.00). The Revisor of Statutes shall reorganize the table accordingly.

25 **SECTION 2.(e)** The distribution of fees for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity special
26 registration plate listed under G.S. 20-79.7(b), as reenacted by this section, is modified to ten
27 dollars (\$10.00) for the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA) and twenty dollars (\$20.00)
28 for the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA). The Revisor of Statutes shall
29 reorganize the table accordingly.

30 **SECTION 2.(f)** G.S. 20-81.12(b39) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its
31 repeal and reads as rewritten:

32 "(b39) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. – The Division ~~must receive 300 or more applications for~~
33 ~~the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity plate before the plate may be developed.~~ The Division shall
34 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from
35 the sale of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity plates to the ~~Association of North Carolina Alphas~~
36 ~~(ANCA) Educational Foundation Education Consortium of North Carolina, Inc.,~~ for scholarships
37 for the benefit of African-American males ~~in ANCA~~ attending accredited North Carolina
38 colleges and universities."

39 **SECTION 2.(g)** This section becomes effective February 1, 2019.

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41 **REDUCE THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REQUIRED FOR COLLEGIATE**
42 **INSIGNIA PLATES FOR PUBLIC MILITARY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

43 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-81.12(a) reads as rewritten:

44 "(a) Collegiate Insignia Plates. – ~~The~~ Except for a collegiate insignia plate for a public
45 military college or university, the Division must receive 300 or more applications for a collegiate
46 insignia license plate for a college or university before a collegiate license plate may be
47 developed. For a collegiate insignia license plate for a public military college or university, the
48 Division must receive 100 or more applications before a collegiate license plate may be
49 developed. The color, design, and material for the plate must be approved by both the Division
50 and the alumni or alumnae association of the appropriate college or university. The Division must
51 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from

1 the sale of in-State collegiate insignia plates to the Board of Governors of The University of
 2 North Carolina for in-State, public colleges and universities and to the respective board of
 3 trustees for in-State, private colleges and universities in proportion to the number of collegiate
 4 plates sold representing that institution for use for academic enhancement."
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6 **AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO PRODUCE AN "ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**
 7 **PRINCE HALL AFFILIATED" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE**

8 **SECTION 3.5.(a)** G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

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11 () Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated. – Issuable to an active
 12 member of the Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated in accordance
 13 with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the Order of the Eastern Star Prince
 14 Hall Affiliated logo.

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16 **SECTION 3.5.(b)** G.S. 20-79.7 reads as rewritten:

17 **"§ 20-79.7. Fees for special registration plates and distribution of the fees.**

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19 (a1) Fees. – All other special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle
 20 registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

21 <u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
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23 North Carolina Sheriffs' Association	\$30.00
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24 Operation Coming Home

25 <u>Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
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26 Outer Banks Preservation Association

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28 (b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the Collegiate and
 29 Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division must
 30 credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed in subsection (a) of this
 31 section among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and Cultural
 32 Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF), which
 33 is established under G.S. 113A-253, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is
 34 established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

35 <u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>CWMTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
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37 Operation Coming Home

38 Order of the Eastern Star Prince

39 <u>Hall Affiliated</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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40 Order of the Long Leaf Pine	\$10	\$10	\$0	\$0
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42 **SECTION 3.5.(c)** G.S. 20-81.12 reads as rewritten:

43 **"§ 20-81.12. Collegiate insignia plates and certain other special plates.**

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45 (b159) Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated. – The Division shall transfer quarterly
 46 the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of "Order
 47 of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated" plates to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North
 48 Carolina, PHA.

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1 **SECTION 3.5.(d)** The Revisor of Statutes is authorized to alphabetize, number, and
2 renumber the special registration plates listed in G.S. 20-79.4(b) to ensure that all the special
3 registration plates are listed in alphabetical order and numbered accordingly.

4 **SECTION 3.5.(e)** This section becomes effective February 1, 2019.

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6 **RENEWAL NOT REQUIRED FOR HANDICAPPED PLACARD AFTER AGE 80**

7 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-37.6(c1) reads as rewritten:

8 "(c1) Application and Renewal; Medical Certification. – The initial application for a
9 distinguishing license plate, removable windshield placard, or temporary removable windshield
10 placard shall be accompanied by a certification of a licensed physician, a licensed
11 ophthalmologist, a licensed optometrist, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed nurse
12 practitioner, or the Division of Services for the Blind that the applicant is handicapped or by a
13 disability determination by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant
14 is handicapped. For an initial application for a temporary removable windshield placard only, the
15 certification that the applicant is handicapped may be made by a licensed certified nurse midwife.
16 The application for a temporary removable windshield placard shall contain additional
17 certification to include the period of time the certifying authority determines the applicant will
18 have the disability. Distinguishing license plates shall be renewed annually, but subsequent
19 applications shall not require a medical certification that the applicant is handicapped.
20 Removable windshield placards shall be renewed every five years, and, except for a person
21 certified as totally and permanently disabled at the time of the initial application or a prior
22 renewal under this subsection, the renewal shall require a medical recertification that the person
23 is ~~handicapped~~ handicapped; provided that renewal shall not be required for any placard that
24 expires after the person to whom it is issued is 80 years of age and the placard shall remain valid.
25 Temporary removable windshield placards shall expire no later than six months after issuance."

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27 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

28 **SECTION 5.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
29 law.