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HOUSE BILL 435

Short Title: A Pet is Family Special Registration Plate. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Iler.

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Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 30, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE AN "A PET IS FAMILY" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. 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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() A Pet is Family. – Issuable to a registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear a picture of a paw print and the phrase "My Pet Is Family."

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SECTION 2. G.S. 20-79.7 reads as rewritten:

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

...

(a1) Fees. – 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:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
...	
Animal Lovers	\$30.00
<u>A Pet is Family</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
Arthritis Foundation	Expired July 1, 2016

(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 (a1) of this section among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the ~~Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF)~~, Land and Water Fund (LWF), which is established under G.S. 143B-135.234, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is established under G.S. 143B-135.56, as follows:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>CWMTF</u>	<u>LWF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
...					
Animal Lovers	\$10	\$20	0		0
<u>A Pet is Family</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$5</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
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3 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-81.12 reads as rewritten:

4 "**§ 20-81.12. Collegiate insignia plates and certain other special plates.**

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6 Q A Pet is Family. – The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate
7 and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of "A Pet is Family" plates to The
8 Sergei Foundation, Inc., to be used to assist low income families in paying for veterinary care.

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10 **SECTION 4.** The Revisor of Statutes is authorized to alphabetize, number, and
11 renumber the special registration plates listed in G.S. 20-79.4(b) and G.S. 20-81.12 to ensure that
12 all the special registration plates are listed in alphabetical order and numbered accordingly.

13 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.