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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION
PLATES FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE MARCH OF DIMES, SCHOOL
TECHNOLOGY, AND SCENIC RIVERS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A REGISTRATION PLATE FOR WAR VETERANS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(14a) March of Dimes. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase or an insignia representing the March of Dimes Foundation."

Section 2. G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision, to be inserted by the Revisor of Statutes in the appropriate alphabetical place, to read:

"() School Technology. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a phrase or an insignia representing the public school system in North Carolina."

1 Section 2.1. G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision, to be
2 inserted by the Revisor of Statutes in the appropriate alphabetical place to read:

3 "(Q) Scenic Rivers. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle
4 in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the words
5 'Scenic Rivers' and a picture representing the unique beauty of the
6 scenic rivers of North Carolina."

7 Section 3. G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

8 "(28a) War Veteran. – Issuable to a veteran of the armed forces of the
9 United States who served in active federal service during a period
10 of war and who was separated from the armed forces under
11 conditions other than dishonorable. The Division may not issue the
12 plate authorized by this subdivision for a period of war unless it
13 receives at least 300 applications for a plate for that period. A
14 'period of war' is any of the following:

- 15 a. World War I, which began April 16, 1917, and
16 ended November 11, 1918.
17 b. World War II, which began December 7, 1941, and
18 ended December 31, 1946.
19 c. The Korean Conflict, which began June 27, 1950,
20 and ended January 31, 1955.
21 d. The Vietnam Era, which began August 5, 1964,
22 and ended May 7, 1975.
23 e. The Persian Gulf War.
24 f. Any other campaign, expedition, or engagement for
25 which the United States Department of Defense
26 authorizes a campaign badge or medal."

27 Section 4. G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

28 "(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge one
29 registration plate to a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, a 100% disabled
30 veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration plates are subject to the
31 regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee
32 in the following amount:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
Historical Attraction	\$30.00
State Attraction	\$30.00
Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
Olympic Games	\$25.00
Special Olympics	\$25.00
<u>March of Dimes</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>Scenic Rivers</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>School Technology</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
Personalized	\$20.00

1 Active Member of the National Guard None
 2 All Other Special Plates \$10.00."

3 Section 5. G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

4 "(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the
 5 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway
 6 Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration
 7 plates listed in subsection (a) among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the
 8 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), and the Natural Heritage
 9 Trust Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, as follows:

10 <u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>
11 Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
12 In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
13 Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15
14 Personalized	\$10	0	\$10
15 Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0
16 Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0
17 State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
18 <u>March of Dimes</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
19 <u>Scenic Rivers</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
20 <u>School Technology</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>
21 Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
22 All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0."

23 Section 6. G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding three new subsections to read:

24 "(b5) March of Dimes Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications
 25 for a March of Dimes plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall
 26 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account
 27 derived from the sale of March of Dimes plates to the Eastern Carolina Chapter of the
 28 March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. The Eastern Carolina Chapter shall disperse
 29 the revenue proportionately among the Eastern Carolina Chapter, the Western Carolina
 30 Chapter, the Greater Triad Chapter, and the Greater Piedmont Chapter of the March of
 31 Dimes Birth Defects Foundation based upon the population of the area each Chapter
 32 represents. The money must be used for the prevention of birth defects through local
 33 community services and educational programs and through research and development.

34 (b6) School Technology Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more
 35 applications for a School Technology plate before the plate may be developed. The
 36 Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate
 37 Account derived from the sale of School Technology plates to the State School
 38 Technology Fund, which is established under G.S. 115C-102.6D.

39 (b7) Scenic Rivers Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for
 40 a Scenic Rivers plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer
 41 quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from
 42 the sale of Scenic Rivers plates to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund established
 43 in G.S. 113-45.3."

1 Section 7. G.S. 115C-102.6D(a) reads as rewritten:

2 "(a) There is established under the control and direction of the State Board of
3 Education the State School Technology Fund. This fund shall be a nonreverting special
4 revenue fund consisting of any monies appropriated to it by the General ~~Assembly~~.
5 Assembly and any monies credited to it under G.S. 20-81.12 from the sale of School
6 Technology special license plates."

7 Section 8. S.L. 1997-339 is repealed.

8 Section 9. This act is effective when it becomes law.