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SENATE BILL 500

Short Title: Autism Awareness Special Plate. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Ballantine; Apodaca, Berger, Bingham, Blake, Brock, Carpenter, Carrington, Foxx, Garwood, Hartsell, Rucho, Shubert, Sloan, and Tillman.

Referred to: Finance.

March 24, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE AN
AUTISM AWARENESS 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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~~(3c)~~ (3c) Autism Awareness. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the words "Autism Awareness". The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision until it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.

~~(3e)~~(3d) Aviation Maintenance Technician. – Issuable to a person who is a Federal Aviation Authority certified Aviation Maintenance Technician. The plate shall bear the logo of the F.A.A. Airworthiness Program and the initials "A.M.T." The Division may not issue the plate authorized by this subdivision unless it receives at least 300 applications for the plate.

~~(3d)~~(3e) Bronze Star Recipient. – Issuable to a recipient of the Bronze Star. The plate shall bear the emblem of the Bronze Star and the words "Bronze Star".

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

"(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge one registration plate to a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, a 100% disabled veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration plates, including additional Congressional Medal of Honor, 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of

1	War plates, are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or	
2	G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:	
3	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
4	Historical Attraction	\$30.00
5	State Attraction	\$30.00
6	Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
7	Goodness Grows	\$25.00
8	Kids First	\$25.00
9	Olympic Games	\$25.00
10	NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
11	Special Olympics	\$25.00
12	The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
13	University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
14	Animal Lovers	\$20.00
15	Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
16	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
17	Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
18	First in Forestry	\$20.00
19	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
20	March of Dimes	\$20.00
21	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
22	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00
23	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
24	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
25	School Technology	\$20.00
26	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
27	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
28	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
29	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
30	Personalized	\$20.00
31	<u>Autism Awareness</u>	<u>\$18.00</u>
32	Active Member of the National Guard	None
33	100% Disabled Veteran	None
34	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
35	Legion of Valor	None
36	Purple Heart Recipient	None
37	Silver Star Recipient	None
38	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

39 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

40 "(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the
 41 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway
 42 Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration
 43 plates listed in subsection (a) among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the

1 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), and the Natural Heritage
2 Trust Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, as follows:

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4	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>
5	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0
6	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0
7	<u>Autism Awareness</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$8</u>	<u>0</u>
8	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0
9	First in Forestry	\$10	0	\$10
10	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0
11	Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0
12	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
13	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
14	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0
15	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0
16	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0
17	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0
18	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0
19	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0
20	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15
21	Personalized	\$10	0	\$10
22	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$10	\$15	0
23	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0
24	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0
25	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0
26	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0
27	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0
28	Special Olympics	\$10	\$10	0
29	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
30	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0
31	The V Foundation for Cancer Research	\$10	\$15	0
32	University Health Systems of Eastern			
33	Carolina	\$10	\$15	0
34	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
35	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0."

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

37 "(b24) Autism Awareness. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for
38 an Autism Awareness plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall
39 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account
40 derived from the sale of the Autism Awareness plates to the Autism Society of North
41 Carolina, Inc., for its public awareness programs."

42 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.