

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1999

HOUSE BILL 1246
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES TO ANIMAL LOVERS TO PROMOTE SPAYING AND NEUTERING OF DOGS AND CATS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

(3a) Animal Lovers. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a picture of a dog and cat and the phrase "I Care."

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 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>
Historical Attraction	\$30.00
State Attraction	\$30.00
Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
Olympic Games	\$25.00
Special Olympics	\$25.00
<u>Animal Lovers</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
March of Dimes	\$20.00
Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
School Technology	\$20.00
Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
Personalized	\$20.00
Active Member of the National Guard	None
Purple Heart Recipient	None
All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

Section 3. 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), and the Natural Heritage Trust Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, as follows:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>
<u>Animal Lovers</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>

Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0
Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15
Personalized	\$10	0	\$10
Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0
Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0
State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0
March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0
Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0
School Technology	\$10	\$10	0
Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0
Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0
All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0."

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

"(b10) Animal Lovers Plates. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications before an animal lovers plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of the animal lovers plate to the Department of Health and Human Services to create a statewide program to promote spaying and neutering of dogs and cats."

Section 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of July, 1999.

 Dennis A. Wicker
 President of the Senate

 James B. Black
 Speaker of the House of Representatives

 James B. Hunt, Jr.
 Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____ , 19