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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF FEES COLLECTED FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE
3 GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK SPECIAL STATE ATTRACTION
4 PLATE TO BE USED FOR ORDINARY ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING
5 EXPENSES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE
6 VARIOUS SPECIAL PLATES ON A BACKGROUND OTHER THAN "FIRST IN
7 FLIGHT."

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-81.12(b2) (1c) reads as rewritten:

10 "(1c) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. – The revenue derived
11 from the special plate shall be transferred quarterly to the Friends of the
12 Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Inc., to be used for educational
13 materials, preservation programs, capital improvements for the portion of the
14 Great Smoky Mountains National Park that is located in North Carolina, and
15 ~~operating expenses of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park~~ related
16 administrative and operating expenses."

17 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-63(b) reads as rewritten:

18 "(b) Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned to
19 the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina, which may be
20 abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of expiration. A plate issued
21 for a commercial vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), and weighing 26,001 pounds or more,
22 must bear the word "commercial," unless the plate is a special registration plate authorized in
23 G.S. 20-79.4 or the commercial vehicle is a trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less. The
24 plate issued for vehicles licensed for 7,000 pounds through 26,000 pounds must bear the word
25 "weighted".

26 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a registration plate issued by the Division
27 for a private passenger vehicle or for a private hauler vehicle licensed for 6,000 pounds or less
28 shall be a "First in Flight" plate. A "First in Flight" plate shall have the words "First in Flight"
29 printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and numerals. The background of the plate
30 shall depict the Wright Brothers biplane flying over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying
31 slightly upward and to the right. The following special registration plates do not have to be a
32 "First in Flight" plate. The design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates must be
33 approved by the Division and the State Highway Patrol for clarity and ease of identification.

- 34 (1) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
35 (2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
36 (3) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.



- 1 (4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail.
 2 (5) NC Coastal Federation.
 3 (6) In God We Trust.
 4 (7) Stock Car Racing Theme.
 5 (8) Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation.
 6 (9) Guilford Battleground Company.
 7 (10) National Wild Turkey Federation.
 8 (11) North Carolina Aquarium Society.
 9 (12) First in Forestry.
 10 (13) North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation.
 11 (14) NC Trout Unlimited.
 12 (15) Ducks Unlimited.
 13 (16) Lung Cancer Research.
 14 (17) NC State Parks.
 15 (18) Support Our Troops.
 16 (19) US Equine Rescue League.
 17 (20) Fox Hunting.
 18 (21) Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina.
 19 (22) Hospice Care.
 20 (23) Home Care and Hospice.
 21 (24) NC Tennis Foundation.
 22 (25) AIDS Awareness.
 23 (26) Friends of Camp Daniel Boone.
 24 (27) Mountains-to-Sea Trail.
 25 (28) Native Brook Trout.
 26 (29) ARTS NC."

27 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

29 ...

30 (10d) ARTS NC. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in
 31 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "The
 32 Creative State" with a logo designed by ARTS North Carolina, Inc.

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34 (47b) Friends of Camp Daniel Boone. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
 35 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase
 36 "Friends of Camp Daniel Boone" and a logo provided by the Daniel Boone
 37 Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

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39 (77b) Mountains-to-Sea Trail. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle
 40 in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase
 41 "Mountains-to-Sea Trail" with a background designed by the Friends of the
 42 Mountains-to-Sea Trail, Inc.

43 ...

44 (82a) Native Brook Trout. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in
 45 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "Native
 46 Brook Trout" and a picture of a brook trout native to North Carolina in the
 47 background.

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49 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

50 "(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge one
 51 registration plate to a recipient of a Legion of Valor award, a 100% disabled veteran, and an

1 ex-prisoner of war. All other special registration plates, including additional Legion of Valor,
 2 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of War plates, are subject to the regular motor vehicle
 3 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>
5 <u>ARTS NC</u>	\$30.00
6 Back Country Horsemen of NC	\$30.00
7 Coastal Conservation Association	\$30.00
8 Crystal Coast	\$30.00
9 El Pueblo	\$30.00
10 First in Forestry	\$30.00
11 <u>Friends of Camp Daniel Boone</u>	\$30.00
12 Historical Attraction	\$30.00
13 Home Care and Hospice	\$30.00
14 HOMES4NC	\$30.00
15 Hospice Care	\$30.00
16 In God We Trust	\$30.00
17 Maggie Valley Trout Festival	\$30.00
18 <u>Mountains-to-Sea Trail</u>	\$30.00
19 National Kidney Foundation	\$30.00
20 <u>Native Brook Trout</u>	\$30.00
21 North Carolina 4-H Development Fund	\$30.00
22 North Carolina Libraries	\$30.00
23 Personalized	\$30.00
24 Share the Road	\$30.00
25 State Attraction	\$30.00
26 Stock Car Racing Theme	\$30.00
27 Support Our Troops	\$30.00
28 AIDS Awareness	\$25.00
29 Buffalo Soldiers	\$25.00
30 Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
31 Goodness Grows	\$25.00
32 High School Insignia	\$25.00
33 Kids First	\$25.00
34 Olympic Games	\$25.00
35 National Multiple Sclerosis Society	\$25.00
36 National Wild Turkey Federation	\$25.00
37 NC Agribusiness	\$25.00
38 NC Children's Promise	\$25.00
39 NC Coastal Federation	\$30.00
40 Nurses	\$25.00
41 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$25.00
42 Special Olympics	\$25.00
43 Surveyor Plate	\$25.00
44 The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division	\$25.00
45 University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina	\$25.00
46 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	\$20.00
47 ALS Association, Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter	\$20.00
48 Animal Lovers	\$20.00
49 ARC of North Carolina	\$20.00
50 Audubon North Carolina	\$20.00
51 Autism Society of North Carolina	\$20.00

1	Be Active NC	\$20.00
2	Brain Injury Awareness	\$20.00
3	Breast Cancer Earlier Detection	\$20.00
4	Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation	\$20.00
5	Daughters of the American Revolution	\$20.00
6	Ducks Unlimited	\$20.00
7	Greyhound Friends of North Carolina	\$20.00
8	Guilford Battleground Company	\$20.00
9	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	\$20.00
10	Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
11	Litter Prevention	\$20.00
12	March of Dimes	\$20.00
13	NC Tennis Foundation	\$20.00
14	NC Trout Unlimited	\$20.00
15	NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation	\$20.00
16	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$20.00
17	Prince Hall Mason	\$20.00
18	Save the Sea Turtles	\$20.00
19	Scenic Rivers	\$20.00
20	School Technology	\$20.00
21	SCUBA	\$20.00
22	Soil and Water Conservation	\$20.00
23	Special Forces Association	\$20.00
24	Support Public Schools	\$20.00
25	US Equine Rescue League	\$20.00
26	Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
27	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$20.00
28	Carolina's Aviation Museum	\$15.00
29	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	\$15.00
30	Lung Cancer Research	\$15.00
31	Shag Dancing	\$15.00
32	Active Member of the National Guard	None
33	100% Disabled Veteran	None
34	Ex-Prisoner of War	None
35	Gold Star Lapel Button	None
36	Legion of Valor	None
37	Purple Heart Recipient	None
38	Silver Star Recipient	None
39	All Other Special Plates	\$10.00."

SECTION 5. 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), the Natural Heritage Trust Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>NHTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
48 <u>Special Plate</u>				
49 AIDS Awareness	\$10	\$15	0	0
50 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
51 ALS Association, Jim "Catfish" Hunter				

1	Chapter	\$10	\$10	0	0
2	Animal Lovers	\$10	\$10	0	0
3	ARC of North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
4	<u>ARTS NC</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
5	Audubon North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
6	Autism Society of North Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
7	Back Country Horsemen of NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
8	Be Active NC	\$10	\$10	0	0
9	Brain Injury Awareness	\$10	\$10	0	0
10	Breast Cancer Earlier Detection	\$10	\$10	0	0
11	Buddy Pelletier Surfing				
12	Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
13	Buffalo Soldiers	\$10	\$15	0	0
14	Carolina's Aviation Museum	\$10	\$5	0	0
15	Coastal Conservation Association	\$10	\$20	0	0
16	Crystal Coast	\$10	\$20	0	0
17	Daughters of the American				
18	Revolution	\$10	\$10	0	0
19	Ducks Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
20	El Pueblo	\$10	\$20	0	0
21	First in Forestry	\$10	\$10	\$10	0
22	<u>Friends of Camp Daniel Boone</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
23	Goodness Grows	\$10	\$15	0	0
24	Greyhound Friends of North				
25	Carolina	\$10	\$10	0	0
26	Guilford Battleground Company	\$10	\$10	0	0
27	Harley Owners' Group	\$10	\$10	0	0
28	High School Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
29	Historical Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
30	Home Care and Hospice	\$10	\$20	0	0
31	HOMES4NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
32	Hospice Care	\$10	\$20	0	0
33	In God We Trust	\$10	\$20	0	0
34	In-State Collegiate Insignia	\$10	\$15	0	0
35	Juvenile Diabetes Research				
36	Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
37	Kids First	\$10	\$15	0	0
38	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	\$10	\$5	0	0
39	Litter Prevention	\$10	\$10	0	0
40	Lung Cancer Research	\$10	\$5	0	0
41	Maggie Valley Trout Festival	\$10	\$20	0	0
42	March of Dimes	\$10	\$10	0	0
43	<u>Mountains-to-Sea Trail</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
44	National Kidney Foundation	\$10	\$20	0	0
45	National Multiple Sclerosis				
46	Society	\$10	\$15	0	0
47	National Wild Turkey Federation	\$10	\$15	0	0
48	<u>Native Brook Trout</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
49	NC Agribusiness	\$10	\$15	0	0
50	NC Children's Promise	\$10	\$15	0	0
51	NC Coastal Federation	\$10	\$20	0	0

1	NC 4-H Development Fund	\$10	\$20	0	0
2	NC Tennis Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
3	NC Trout Unlimited	\$10	\$10	0	0
4	North Carolina Libraries	\$10	\$20	0	0
5	NC Wildlife Habitat Foundation	\$10	\$10	0	0
6	Nurses	\$10	\$15	0	0
7	Olympic Games	\$10	\$15	0	0
8	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	\$10	\$10	0	0
9	Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia	\$10	0	\$15	0
10	Personalized	\$10	0	\$15	\$5
11	Prince Hall Mason	\$10	\$10	0	0
12	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$10	\$15	0	0
13	Save the Sea Turtles	\$10	\$10	0	0
14	Scenic Rivers	\$10	\$10	0	0
15	School Technology	\$10	\$10	0	0
16	SCUBA	\$10	\$10	0	0
17	Shag Dancing	\$10	\$5	0	0
18	Share the Road	\$10	\$20	0	0
19	Soil and Water Conservation	\$10	\$10	0	0
20	Special Forces Association	\$10	\$10	0	0
21	Special Olympics	\$10	\$15	0	0
22	State Attraction	\$10	\$20	0	0
23	Stock Car Racing Theme	\$10	\$20	0	0
24	Support Our Troops	\$10	\$20	0	0
25	Support Public Schools	\$10	\$10	0	0
26	Surveyor Plate	\$10	\$15	0	0
27	The V Foundation for Cancer				
28	Research	\$10	\$15	0	0
29	University Health Systems of				
30	Eastern Carolina	\$10	\$15	0	0
31	US Equine Rescue League	\$10	\$10	0	0
32	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10	0	0
33	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$10	\$10	0	0
34	All other Special Plates	\$10	0	0	0."

35 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding the following new subsections
36 to read:

37 "(b73) Native Brook Trout. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the
38 Native Brook Trout plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer
39 quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the
40 sale of Native Brook Trout plates to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to be
41 used to fund public access to, and habitat protection of, brook trout waters.

42 (b74) Friends of Camp Daniel Boone. – The Division must receive 300 or more
43 applications for the Friends of Camp Daniel Boone plate before the plate may be developed.
44 The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate
45 Account derived from the sale of Friends of Camp Daniel Boone plates to the Daniel Boone
46 Council of the Boy Scouts of America to be used to support Camp Daniel Boone's programs
47 and to pay administrative and operating expenses.

48 (b75) Mountains-to-Sea Trail. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for
49 the Mountains-to-Sea Trail plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer
50 quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the

1 sale of Mountains-to-Sea Trail plates to the Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, Inc., to be
2 used to fund trail projects and related administrative and operating expenses.
3 (b76) ARTS NC. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the ARTS NC
4 plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money in the
5 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of ARTS NC plates to
6 ARTS North Carolina, Inc., to provide funding to promote the arts in North Carolina."
7 **SECTION 7.** This act is effective when it becomes law.