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Short Title: Special Registration Plates.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A  
3 "KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE AND A "POW/MIA  
4 BRING THEM HOME" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(b1) is amended by adding two new subdivisions to read:

7 "( ) Keeping The Lights On.

8 ( ) POW/MIA Bring Them Home."

9 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

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

11 ...

12 ( ) Keeping The Lights On. – Issuable to a registered owner of a motor vehicle in  
13 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall have a background of  
14 mountains to the coast and bear a picture of a line worker on a utility pole on  
15 the left and the phrase "Keeping The Lights On" at the top of the registration  
16 plate.

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18 ( ) POW/MIA Bring Them Home. – The plate shall have the phrase "POW/MIA  
19 Bring Them Home" with artwork submitted by Rolling Thunder, Inc., Chapter  
20 #1 North Carolina and reviewed by the Division to ensure compliance with  
21 G.S. 20-79.4(a3). A person may obtain from the Division a special registration  
22 plate under this subdivision for the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a  
23 motorcycle. The division may not issue a plate authorized under this  
24 subdivision until it receives at least 350 applications for the plate.  
25 Applications for motor vehicle special registration plates and motorcycle  
26 special registration plates received by the Division each count towards the  
27 minimum number of applications necessary to issue a plate under this  
28 subdivision.

29 ...."

30 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-79.7 reads as rewritten:

31 "**§ 20-79.7. Fees for special registration plates and distribution of the fees.**

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33 (a1) Fees. – All other special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle  
34 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>
1	<u>Special Plate</u>	
2	...	
3	In God We Trust	\$30.00
4	<u>Keeping The Lights On</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
5	Kick Cancer for Kids	\$30.00
6	...	
7	Piedmont Airlines	\$20.00
8	<u>POW/MIA Bring Them Home</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
9	Prince Hall Mason	\$20.00
10	...	

11 (b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the Collegiate and  
 12 Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division must  
 13 credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed in ~~subsection (a)~~  
 14 subsection (a1) of this section among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the  
 15 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Clean Water Management Trust  
 16 Fund (CWMTF), which is established under G.S. 113A-253, and the Parks and Recreation Trust  
 17 Fund, which is established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>CWMTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
18	<u>Special Plate</u>				
19	...				
20	Kappa Alpha Order –				
21	Expired July 1, 2016				
22	<u>Keeping The Lights On</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
23	Kick Cancer for Kids	\$10	\$20	0	0
24	...				
25	Pisgah Conservancy	\$10	\$20	0	0
26	<u>POW/MIA Bring Them Home</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
27	Prince Hall Mason	\$10	\$10	0	0
28	...."				

29 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding the following new subsections to  
 30 read:

31 "(Q) Keeping The Lights On. – The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the  
 32 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Keeping The Lights  
 33 On plates to the UNC Jaycee Burn Center.

34 "(R) POW/MIA Bring Them Home. – The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in  
 35 the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of "POW/MIA Bring  
 36 Them Home" plates to Rolling Thunder, Inc., Chapter #1 North Carolina."

37 **SECTION 5.** The Revisor of Statutes is authorized to alphabetize, number, and  
 38 renumber the special registration plates listed in G.S. 20-63(b1), 20-79.4(b), and 20-81.12 to  
 39 ensure that all the special registration plates are listed in alphabetical order and numbered  
 40 accordingly.

41 **SECTION 5.5.** The POW/MIA Bring Them Home Plate authorized by this act is not  
 42 subject to the requirements to establish a new special registration plate in G.S. 20-79.3A and the  
 43 expiration of special registration plate authorization in G.S. 20-79.8.

44 **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective March 1, 2020.