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Short Title: March of Dimes/School Tech. Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION
2 PLATE FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE MARCH OF DIMES AND TO PROVIDE
3 THAT A PORTION OF THE MONEY GENERATED FROM THE SPECIAL
4 PLATE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE EASTERN CAROLINA CHAPTER OF
5 THE MARCH OF DIMES BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION, TO AUTHORIZE
6 THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SPECIAL PLATE FOR SUPPORTERS OF SCHOOL
7 TECHNOLOGY AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE MONEY
8 GENERATED FROM THE SPECIAL PLATE WILL BE CREDITED TO THE
9 STATE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY FUND, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE
10 DEVELOPMENT OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE FOR WAR
11 VETERANS.
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13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

15 "(14a) March of Dimes. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
16 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a
17 phrase or an insignia representing the March of Dimes
18 Foundation."

1 Section 2. 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 "() School Technology. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor
 4 vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate may bear a
 5 phrase or an insignia representing the public school system in
 6 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>
34 Historical Attraction	\$30.00
35 State Attraction	\$30.00
36 Collegiate Insignia	\$25.00
37 Olympic Games	\$25.00
38 Special Olympics	\$25.00
39 <u>March of Dimes</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
40 <u>School Technology</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
41 Wildlife Resources	\$20.00
42 Personalized	\$20.00
43 Active Member of the National Guard	None

1 All Other Special Plates \$10.00."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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