



**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CONFERENCE REPORT
House Bill 289**

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[NO] Title Change

[YES] For Committee Substitute

To: The President of the Senate
 The Speaker of the House of Representatives

The conferees appointed to resolve the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on House Bill 289, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE VARIOUS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, Senate Finance Committee Substitute Adopted 6/15/11, submit the following report:

The House concurs in the Senate Committee Substitute Adopted 6/15/11 and the House concurs in amendment #1 and amendment #2, and the House and Senate agree to the following amendments:

On page 1, line 14, through page 2, line 14, by rewriting the lines to read:

~~"Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a~~ A registration plate issued by the Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a private hauler vehicle licensed for 6,000 pounds or less shall be a "First in Flight" plate. A "First in Flight" plate shall have the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and numerals. The background of the plate shall depict the Wright Brothers biplane flying over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly upward and to the right.

(b1) The following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate. plate as provided in subsection (b) of this section. The design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates must be approved by the Division and the State Highway Patrol for clarity and ease of identification. When the Division registers a vehicle or renews the registration of a vehicle on or after July 1, 2015, the Division must send the owner a replacement special license plate in a standardized format in accordance with subsection (b) of this section and G.S. 20-79.4(a3).

- (1) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- (2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- (3) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.
- (4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail.
- (5) NC Coastal Federation.
- (6) In God We Trust.
- (7) Stock Car Racing Theme.
- (8) Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation.
- (9) Guilford Battleground Company.
- (10) National Wild Turkey Federation.
- (11) North Carolina Aquarium Society.



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- (12) First in Forestry.
- (13) North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation.
- (14) NC Trout Unlimited.
- (15) Ducks Unlimited.
- (16) Lung Cancer Research.
- (17) NC State Parks.
- (18) Support Our Troops.
- (19) US Equine Rescue League.
- (20) Fox Hunting.
- (21) Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina.
- (22) Hospice Care.
- (23) Home Care and Hospice.
- (24) NC Tennis Foundation.
- (25) AIDS Awareness.
- (26) Donate Life.
- (27) Farmland Preservation.
- (28) Travel and Tourism.
- (29) Battle of Kings Mountain.
- (30) NC Civil War.
- (31) North Carolina Zoological Society.
- (32) United States Service Academy.
- (33) Carolina Raptor Center.
- (34) Carolinas Credit Union Foundation.
- (35) North Carolina State Flag.
- (36) NC Mining.
- (37) Coastal Land Trust.
- (38) ARTS NC.
- (39) Choose Life.
- (40) North Carolina Green Industry Council.
- (41) NC Horse Council.
- (42) Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center.";

And on page 2, lines 14-15, by inserting the following new section:

"SECTION 1.1. G.S. 20-63(b1), as enacted by Section 1 of this act, is repealed.";

And on page 17, lines 16-17, by inserting the following new section:

"SECTION 5.1. G.S. 20-79.7(c) reads as rewritten:

- (c) Use of Funds in Special Registration Plate Account. –
- (1) The Division shall deduct the costs of special registration plates, including the costs of issuing, handling, and advertising the availability of the special plates, from the Special Registration Plate Account.
 - (1a) The Division shall deduct the cost of issuing replacement full-color special license plates. This subdivision expires July 1, 2016.
 - (2) From the funds remaining in the Special Registration Plate Account after the deductions in accordance with ~~subdivision (1)~~ subdivisions (1) and (1a) of this subsection, there is annually appropriated from the Special Registration

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Plate Account the sum of one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) to provide operating assistance for the Visitor Centers:

- a. on U.S. Highway 17 in Camden County, (\$100,000);
- b. on U.S. Highway 17 in Brunswick County, (\$100,000);
- c. on U.S. Highway 441 in Macon County, (\$100,000);
- d. in the Town of Boone, Watauga County, (\$100,000);
- e. on U.S. Highway 29 in Caswell County, (\$100,000);
- f. on U.S. Highway 70 in Carteret County, (\$100,000);
- g. on U.S. Highway 64 in Tyrrell County, (\$100,000);
- h. at the intersection of U.S. Highway 701 and N.C. 904 in Columbus County, (\$100,000);
- i. on U.S. Highway 221 in McDowell County, (\$100,000);
- j. on Staton Road in Transylvania County, (\$100,000);
- k. in the Town of Fair Bluff, Columbus County, near the intersection of U.S. Highway 76 and N.C. 904, (\$100,000); and
- l. on U.S. Highway 421 in Wilkes County, (\$100,000).'

...";

And on page 16, line 13, by rewriting the line to read:

"NC Victim Assistance \$10 \$10 0 0";

And on page 25, lines 32-36, by rewriting the lines to read:

"SECTION 11. The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and the Department of Transportation shall study whether, for purposes of effective law enforcement, full-color special license plates should continue to be authorized or be phased out, with all special license plates being on the First in Flight background. The study shall also include an estimate of the replacement costs and recommendations for funding those costs. The Departments shall report their findings and make recommendations to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on or before the convening of the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly. The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee shall make any legislative recommendations based on the study to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly.

SECTION 12. Section 1.1 becomes effective July 1, 2016. Section 5.1 becomes effective July 1, 2015. Section 8 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2011. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law."

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The conferees recommend that the Senate and the House of Representatives adopt this report.

Date Conferees approved report: June 18, 2011.

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Senate notified

Special Message

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