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**HOUSE BILL 435
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/27/21**

Short Title: Special Registration Plates.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 30, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE
VARIOUS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

- "() Electric Vehicle.
- "() Home of the Venus Flytrap.
- "() North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs."

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

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

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"() A Pet is Family. – Issuable to a registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear a picture of a paw print and the phrase "My Pet Is Family."

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"() Electric Vehicle. – Issuable to a registered owner of a motor vehicle. The plate shall have a background in two different shades of blue with the phrase "Electric Vehicle" displayed across the top banner and the phrase "North Carolina" displayed along the bottom. The plate shall bear a logo picturing a vehicle and a lightning bolt.

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"() Home of the Venus Flytrap. – Issuable to a registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear a picture of a Venus Flytrap and the phrase "Home of the Venus Flytrap."

...

"() North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs. – Issuable to a registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall have a black background with a red line and the phrase "NC Fire Officer" across the top and the phrase "North Carolina" along the bottom. The plate shall bear the Association of Fire Chiefs logo on the left side and the letters "FO" on the right side.

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"() Special Olympics NC. – Issuable to a registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the Special Olympics NC logo.



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

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

...

(a1) Fees. – 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>
...	
Home of American Golf	Expired July 1, 2016
<u>Home of the Venus Flytrap</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
HOMES4NC	\$30.00
...	
North Carolina 4-H Development Fund	Expired July 1, 2016
<u>North Carolina Association</u>	
<u>of Fire Chiefs</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
North Carolina Bluegrass Association	Expired July 1, 2016
...	
Special Olympics	Expired July 1, 2016
<u>Special Olympics NC</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
Support Soccer	\$25.00
...	
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority	\$20.00
<u>A Pet is Family</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
Carolina Regional Volleyball Association	Expired July 1, 2016
...	

(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 (a1) of this section among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF), which is established under G.S. 143B-135.234, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is established under G.S. 143B-135.56, as follows:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>CWMTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
...				
Animal Lovers	\$10	\$20	0	0
<u>A Pet is Family</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
ARC of North Carolina – Ex-				
pired July 1, 2016				
...				
Home of American Golf – Ex-				
pired July 1, 2016				
<u>Home of the Venus Flytrap</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
HOMES4NC	\$10	\$20	0	0
...				
NC Youth Soccer Association –				
Expired July 1, 2016				
<u>North Carolina Association</u>				
<u>of Fire Chiefs</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
North Carolina Bluegrass Asso-				
ciation – Expired July 1,				
2016				

1 ...
2 Special Olympics – Expired
3 July 1, 2016
4 Special Olympics NC \$10 \$15 0 0
5 S.T.A.R. – Expired July 1,
6 2016
7"

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

10 "Q A Pet is Family. – The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate
11 and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of "A Pet is Family" plates to The
12 Sergei Foundation, Inc., to be used to assist low-income families in paying for veterinary care.

13 "Q Home of the Venus Flytrap. – The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the
14 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of "Home of the Venus
15 Flytrap" plates to the North Carolina Botanical Garden Foundation, Inc., to be used to support
16 plant conservation and plant research.

17 "Q North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs. – The Division shall transfer quarterly the
18 money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of North
19 Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs plates to the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs to be
20 used for education programs for North Carolina firefighters.

21 "Q Special Olympics NC. – The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the
22 Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Special Olympics NC
23 plates to Special Olympics North Carolina to be used to fund athletic programs throughout North
24 Carolina."

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

29 **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.