



HOUSE BILL 30: Various Special Registration Plates.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2017-114		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2017-114 authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue new plates for Colorectal Cancer Awareness, the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament, and Kick Cancer for Kids. It also authorizes the existing Order of the Long Leaf Pine plate to be on a full-color background.*

This act became effective July 18, 2017.

BILL ANALYSIS: This act authorizes the existing Order of the Long Leaf Pine plate to be on a plate that does not have the "First in Flight" or "First in Freedom" background (typically referred to as a "full color background" plate). It also authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue the following new special license plates:

CREATION OF NEW SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Organization	Special License Plate Fee ¹	Background	Minimum Applications Required	Followed Plate Development Guidelines?	Original Bill
Colorectal Cancer Awareness	\$30	Full Color	500	No	H30
Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament	\$30	Full Color	500	Yes	N/A
Kick Cancer for Kids	\$30	First in Flight	300	Yes	H592

Organization	Use of Additional Funds
Colorectal Cancer Awareness	To promote prevention and early detection of colorectal cancer and to provide support to persons affected.
Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament	To fund charities in North Carolina.
Kick Cancer for Kids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fifty percent (50%) to The Children's Oncology Group Foundation to be used to provide support for the mission and goals of the Foundation. Fifty percent (50%) to Riley's Army, Inc., to be used to provide support to children with cancer and their families.

¹ This fee is in addition to the standard fee for a registration plate, which is \$36.

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Plate Development. – North Carolina offers a number of special registration plates. Upon application and payment of the required registration fees, a person may obtain from the Division of Motor Vehicles a special registration plate for a motor vehicle registered in that person's name, if the person qualifies for the plate.

In 2014, the General Assembly enacted legislation creating a new development process for special registration plates, which requires the organization desiring the plate to submit, by February 15, the required number of paid applications to the Division of Motor Vehicles before legislation is introduced to authorize the plate. The Division is required to submit a report to the General Assembly each year by March 15 identifying applicants who have met the plate development requirements and are eligible for legislative consideration. This process ensures that there is sufficient interest in the plate prior to legislative action authorizing the plate. During its consideration of this legislation, the General Assembly determined that over 125 plates had been legislatively authorized that were never developed by DMV because the organizations were unable to collect 300 paid applications.

The issuance of most special plates is contingent upon the receipt by DMV of at least 300 applications for the particular plate if it is on a standard "First in Flight" background or at least 500 applications if it is on a full-color background.

Special Plate Fees. – As a general rule, the fee for a special registration plate is the regular vehicle registration fee, which is \$36, plus a special registration plate fee of at least \$10. \$10 of the special registration plate fee is credited to the Special Registration Plate Account. After deducting the cost of the plates from this account, \$1.3 million is appropriated to provide operating assistance for Visitor Centers. Fifty percent (50%) of the remaining revenue is transferred quarterly to the Department of Transportation for highway beautification and the remainder is transferred quarterly to the Highway Fund to be used for the Roadside Vegetation Management Program.

The cost of some special plates includes a fee in addition to the \$10 special registration plate fee. In those instances, the first \$10 goes to the special registration plate fund and the remainder is transferred quarterly to designated beneficiaries of the additional fee amount.

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