



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Legislative Fiscal Note

Short Title: Turtle Rescue Team Special Registration Plate.
Bill Number: House Bill 429 (First Edition)
Sponsor(s): Rep. Dahle, Rep. Ball, Rep. Cervania, and Rep. Johnson-Hostler

SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B. 429, V.1 (\$ in millions)

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>	<u>FY 2026-27</u>	<u>FY 2027-28</u>	<u>FY 2028-29</u>	<u>FY 2029-30</u>
State Impact					
Highway Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Less Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Highway Fund Impact	No Estimate Available - Refer to Fiscal Analysis section				

NET STATE IMPACT	No Fiscal Impact
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FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

The bill reinstates the Turtle Rescue Team special plate that previously expired on July 1, 2016. Individuals seeking a Turtle Rescue special plate will pay an additional \$30 fee in addition to regular registration fees.

The expected change in revenue from the issuance of the Turtle Rescue Team special plate is undeterminable. The cost of production would be covered through fee collections.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Section 1 amends G.S. 20-79.4(b)(251) to reinstate the Turtle Rescue special plate that previously expired on July 1, 2016.

Section 2 amends G.S. 79.7(a1) and (b) to reinstate the \$30 fee collected from the issuance of the Turtle Rescue special plate. The funds collected from the fee will be distributed as follows:

- \$20 to the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA)
- \$10 to the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA)

Section 3 amends G.S. 20-81.12 to direct the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to quarterly transfer funds collected by the Turtle Rescue special plate in the CCAPA to the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine Turtle Rescue Team.



Since there is no estimate available for the number of Turtle Rescue special plates that would be issued or requested, the expected revenue is unknowable. The cost of producing license plates can range from \$0.35 to \$2.50 per plate. DMV can deduct the cost of issuance, handling and production of specialty plates from funds deposited in the SRPA. Other funds collected by the SRPA will support 13 highway visitor centers, highway beautification efforts, and roadside vegetation management programs at the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Section 4 makes the proposed change effective when the bill becomes law.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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