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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations (Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development)

A bill to be entitled An act relating to license plates; amending s. 320.08053, F.S.; revising presale requirements for issuance of a specialty plate; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; establishing an annual use fee for certain specialty license plates; revising provisions for discontinuing issuance of a specialty plate; providing applicability; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising the design of the Special Olympics Florida license plates; revising the distribution of proceeds for the Fallen Law Enforcement Officers License Plate; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop certain specialty license plates; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plates; amending s. 320.08062, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to audit certain organizations that receive funds from the sale of specialty license plates; amending s. 320.0842, F.S.; providing for issuance of a license plate to residents who qualify for a free license plate as a veteran who uses a wheelchair and for a certain Purple Heart license plate; requiring certain wording and symbols on the plate; providing that the plate entitles the resident to specified privileges; requiring the eligible applicant to be identified on the registration



certificate if more than one registrant is listed; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; creating a special license plate for recipients of the Bronze Star medal; providing parameters for the design of the plate; requiring the likeness of the Prisoner of War Medal to appear on the Ex-POW license plate; making technical changes; providing effective dates.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 320.08053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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320.08053 Establishment of Requirements for requests establish specialty license plates.-

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(1) If a specialty license plate requested by an organization is approved by law, the organization must submit the proposed art design for the specialty license plate to the department, in a medium prescribed by the department, as soon as practicable, but no later than 60 days after the act approving the specialty license plate becomes a law.

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(2)(a) Within 120 days following the specialty license plate becoming law, the department shall establish a method to issue a specialty license plate voucher to allow for the presale of the specialty license plate. The processing fee as prescribed in s. 320.08056, the service charge and branch fee as prescribed in s. 320.04, and the annual use fee as prescribed in s. 320.08056 shall be charged for the voucher. All other applicable fees shall be charged at the time of issuance of the license

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(b) Within 24 months after the presale specialty license plate voucher is established, the approved specialty license plate organization must record with the department a minimum of $3,000 \frac{1,000}{1,000}$ voucher sales before manufacture of the license plate may begin commence. If, at the conclusion of the 24-month presale period, the minimum sales requirement has requirements have not been met, the specialty plate is deauthorized and the department shall discontinue development of the plate and discontinue issuance of the presale vouchers. Upon deauthorization of the license plate, a purchaser of the license plate voucher may use the annual use fee collected as a credit towards any other specialty license plate or apply for a refund on a form prescribed by the department.

Section 2. Paragraphs (ffff) through (tttt) are added to subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, and paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) are added to subsection (8) of that section, to read:

320.08056 Specialty license plates.

(4) The following license plate annual use fees shall be collected for the appropriate specialty license plates:

(ffff) Ducks Unlimited license plate, \$25.

(gggg) Sun Sea Smiles license plate, \$25.

(hhhh) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity license plate, \$25.

(iiii) Omega Psi Phi Fraternity license plate, \$25.

(jjjj) Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity license plate, \$25.

(kkkk) Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity license plate, \$25.

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(0000) Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority license plate, \$25. (pppp) Dan Marino Foundation license plate, \$25. (qqqq) Florida State Beekeepers Association license plate, \$25.

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- (c) A person issued a specialty license plate that has been discontinued by the department may keep the discontinued specialty license plate for the remainder of the 10-year license plate replacement period and must pay all other applicable registration fees. However, such person is exempt from paying the applicable specialty license plate fee under subsection (4) for the remainder of the 10-year license plate replacement period.
- (d) If the department discontinues issuance of a specialty license plate, all annual use fees held or collected by the department shall be distributed within 180 days after the date the specialty license plate is discontinued. Of those fees, the department shall retain an amount sufficient to defray the applicable administrative and inventory closeout costs associated with discontinuance of the plate. The remaining funds shall be distributed to the specified organization or organizations as provided in s. 320.08058.
- (e) If an organization that is the intended recipient of the funds pursuant to s. 320.08058 no longer exists, the department shall deposit any undisbursed funds into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.



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Section 3. Effective October 1, 2020, paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.08056 Specialty license plates.-

(8)(a) The department must discontinue the issuance of an approved specialty license plate if the number of valid specialty plate registrations falls below 3,000 1,000 plates for at least 12 consecutive months. A warning letter shall be mailed to the sponsoring organization following the first month in which the total number of valid specialty plate registrations is below 3,000 1,000 plates. This paragraph does not apply to collegiate license plates established under s. 320.08058(3), license plates of institutions in and entities of the State University System, specialty license plates that have statutory eligibility limitations for purchase, or Florida Professional Sports Team License plates established under s. 320.08058(9).

Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) and paragraph (b) of subsection (80) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, are amended and subsections (84) through (98) are added to that section, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.-

- (7) SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) Special Olympics Florida license plates must contain the official Special Olympics Florida logo and must bear a design and colors that are approved by the department. The word "Florida" must be centered at the top bottom of the plate, and the words "Be a Fan" "Everyone Wins" must be centered at the bottom top of the plate.
 - (80) FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS LICENSE PLATES.-



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- (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc., which may use up to a maximum of 10percent of the proceeds for marketing to promote and market the plate. All remaining proceeds shall be distributed to and used by the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc., for its operations, activities, programs, and projects The remainder of the proceeds shall be used by the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc., to invest and reinvest, and the interest earnings shall be used for the operation of the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc.
 - (84) DUCKS UNLIMITED LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop a Ducks Unlimited license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. Ducks Unlimited license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Conserving Florida Wetlands" must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., a nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to be used as follows:
- 1. Up to 5 percent may be used for administrative costs and marketing of the plate.
- 2. A minimum of 95 percent shall be used in this state to support the mission and efforts of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for the conservation, restoration, and management of Florida wetlands and associated habitats for the benefit of waterfowl, other wildlife, and people.
 - (85) SUN SEA SMILES LICENSE PLATES.-
 - (a) The department shall develop a Sun Sea Smiles license



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plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Sun Sea Smiles" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Five percent shall be distributed to the Florida Caribbean Charitable Foundation, Inc., to be used only for marketing of the Sun Sea Smiles license plate.
- 2. An additional 30 percent shall be distributed to the Florida Caribbean Charitable Foundation, Inc. Of this amount, up to 5 percent may be used for administrative expenses, and the remainder shall be used as follows:
- a. Sixty percent shall be used for a college scholarship program.
- b. Fifteen percent shall be used to promote health and wellness for residents in this state who are of Caribbean descent.
- c. Twenty-five percent shall be used to promote awareness of Caribbean culture within this state.
- 3. Twenty percent shall be distributed to the American Friends of Jamaica, Inc., a charitable, not-for-profit organization under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code registered with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and incorporated in New York, to be used as grants to promote social and community development among residents of this state. Of this amount, up to 5 percent may be used for administrative and marketing expenses.
 - 4. Ten percent shall be distributed to Haitian Neighborhood



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Center Sant La, Inc., to be used to promote social and community development. Of this amount, up to 5 percent may be used for administrative expenses.

- 5. Ten percent shall be distributed to Fanm Ayisyen nan Miyami, Inc., to be used to promote social and community development. Of this amount, up to 10 percent may be used for administrative expenses.
- 6. Twenty percent shall be distributed to Greater Caribbean American Cultural Coalition, Inc., to be used to promote awareness of Caribbean culture within this state. Of this amount, up to 5 percent may be used for administrative expenses.
- 7. Five percent shall be distributed to Little Haiti Optimist Foundation, Inc., to be used to promote awareness of Caribbean culture and youth development within this state. Of this amount, up to 5 percent may be used for administrative expenses.
 - (86) ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY LICENSE PLATES. -
- (a) The department shall develop an Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the name of the fraternity must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Ten percent shall be distributed to the Florida Federation of Alpha Chapters, Inc., and used solely for marketing of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity license plate.
 - 2. Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the Florida



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Federation of Alpha Chapters, Inc., and used to promote community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities within Florida.

- 3. Five percent shall be distributed to the United Negro College Fund, Inc., to be used for college scholarships for Florida residents attending Florida's historically black colleges and universities.
 - (87) OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop an Omega Psi Phi Fraternity license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the name of the fraternity must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Ten percent shall be distributed to the State of Florida Omega Friendship Foundation, Inc., and used solely for marketing of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity license plate.
- 2. Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the State of Florida Omega Friendship Foundation, Inc., and used to promote community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities within Florida.
- 3. Five percent shall be distributed to the United Negro College Fund, Inc., to be used for college scholarships for Florida residents attending Florida's historically black colleges and universities.
 - (88) KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY LICENSE PLATES.-
 - (a) The department shall develop a Kappa Alpha Psi



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Fraternity license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the name of the fraternity must appear at the bottom of the plate.

- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Ten percent shall be distributed to the Southern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation, Inc., and used solely for marketing of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity license plate.
- 2. Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the Southern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation, Inc., and used to promote community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities within Florida.
- 3. Five percent shall be distributed to the United Negro College Fund, Inc., to be used for college scholarships for Florida residents attending Florida's historically black colleges and universities.
 - (89) PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop a Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the name of the fraternity must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Ten percent shall be distributed to TMB Charitable Foundation, Inc., and used solely for marketing of the Phi Beta



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Sigma Fraternity license plate.

- 2. Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to TMB Charitable Foundation, Inc., and used to promote community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities within Florida.
- 3. Five percent shall be distributed to the United Negro College Fund, Inc., to be used for college scholarships for Florida residents attending Florida's historically black colleges and universities.
 - (90) ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop a Zeta Phi Beta Sorority license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the name of the sorority must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Ten percent shall be distributed to Florida Pearls, Inc., and used solely for marketing of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority license plate.
- 2. Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to Florida Pearls, Inc., and used to promote community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities within Florida.
- 3. Five percent shall be distributed to the United Negro College Fund, Inc., to be used for college scholarships for Florida residents attending Florida's historically black colleges and universities.



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- (91) DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop a Delta Sigma Theta Sorority license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the name of the sorority must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Ten percent shall be distributed to the Delta Research and Educational Foundation, Inc., and used solely for marketing of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority license plate.
- 2. Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the Delta Research and Educational Foundation, Inc., and used to promote community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities within Florida.
- 3. Five percent shall be distributed to the United Negro College Fund, Inc., to be used for college scholarships for Florida residents attending Florida's historically black colleges and universities.
 - (92) ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the name of the sorority must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed as follows:



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- 1. Ten percent shall be distributed to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc., and used solely for marketing of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority license plate.
- 2. Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc., and used to promote community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities within Florida.
- 3. Five percent shall be distributed to the United Negro College Fund, Inc., to be used for college scholarships for Florida residents attending Florida's historically black colleges and universities.
 - (93) SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY LICENSE PLATES. -
- (a) The department shall develop a Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the name of the sorority must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Ten percent shall be distributed to the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority National Education Fund, Inc., and used solely for marketing of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority license plate.
- 2. Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority National Education Fund, Inc., and used to promote community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities within Florida.
- 3. Five percent shall be distributed to the United Negro College Fund, Inc., to be used for college scholarships for



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- (94) DAN MARINO FOUNDATION LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop a Dan Marino Foundation license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. Dan Marino Foundation license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Marino Campus" must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed to the Dan Marino Foundation, Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation, which may use up to 10 percent of such fees for administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The remainder of the fees shall be used by the Dan Marino Foundation, Inc., to assist Floridians with developmental disabilities to become employed, independent, and productive, and to promote and fund educational scholarships and awareness of these services.
 - (95) FLORIDA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop a Florida State Beekeepers Association license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Save the Bees" must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida State Beekeepers Association, a Florida nonprofit corporation. The Florida State Beekeepers Association may use up to 18 percent of the annual use fees for:



- 1. Direct reimbursement for administrative costs, startup costs, and costs incurred in the development and approval process of the license plate. All vendors associated with the administrative costs shall be selected by competitive bid.
 - 2. Promotion and marketing costs of the license plate.
- (c) The remaining funds shall be distributed to the Florida

 State Beekeepers Association and shall be used to raise

 awareness of the importance of beekeeping to Florida agriculture

 by funding honeybee research, education, outreach, and

 husbandry. The Florida State Beekeepers Association board of

 managers must approve and is accountable for all such

 expenditures.
 - (96) ORLANDO UNITED LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop an Orlando United license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Orlando United" must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Seven percent shall be distributed to the Mental Health Association of Central Florida, Inc., to be used for marketing of the license plate.
- 2. Thirty-one percent shall be distributed to the Mental Health Association of Central Florida, Inc. Of this amount, up to 5 percent may be used for administrative expenses, and the remainder shall be used to offer free personalized counseling to any person affected by the shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, on June 12, 2016.



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- 3. Thirty-one percent shall be distributed to the Hispanic Federation, Inc., a charitable, not-for-profit organization under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code registered with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and incorporated in New York. Of this amount, up to 5 percent may be used for administrative expenses, and the remainder shall be used to offer free personalized counseling to any person affected by the shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, on June 12, 2016, through the Proyecto Somos Orlando campaign operated by the Hispanic Federation, Inc.
- 4. Thirty-one percent shall be distributed to Two Spirit Health Services, Inc. Of this amount, up to 5 percent may be used for administrative expenses, and the remainder shall be used to offer free personalized counseling to any person affected by the shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, on June 12, 2016.
 - (97) ETHICAL ECOTOURISM LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop an Ethical Ecotourism license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and words that are approved by the department must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed equally between the Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism and Paddle Florida, Inc., each of which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The balance of the annual use fees shall be used by the Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism to provide environmental education and awareness that encourages behaviors



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that contribute to the sustainability of Florida's natural ecosystems and resources and Paddle Florida, Inc., to raise awareness about water conservation, wildlife preservation, restoration of springs, and protection of waterways in this state.

(98) ROTARY LICENSE PLATES. -

- (a) The department shall develop a Rotary license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the word "Rotary" must appear on the bottom of the plate. The license plate must bear the Rotary International wheel emblem.
- (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc., to distribute as follows:
- 1. Up to 10 percent for administrative costs and for marketing of the plate.
- 2. Ten percent to Rotary's Camp Florida for direct support to all programs and services provided to special needs children who attend the camp.
- 3. The remainder shall be distributed, proportionally based on sales, to each Rotary district in the state in support of Rotary youth programs in Florida.
- Section 5. Section 320.08062, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 320.08062 Audits and attestations required; annual use fees of specialty license plates.-
- (1) (a) All organizations that receive annual use fee proceeds from the department are responsible for ensuring that



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- (b) Any organization not subject to audit pursuant to s. 215.97 shall annually attest, under penalties of perjury, that such proceeds were used in compliance with ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058. The attestation shall be made annually in a form and format determined by the department. In addition, the department shall audit any such organization every 2 years to ensure proceeds have been used in compliance with ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058.
- (c) Any organization subject to audit pursuant to s. 215.97 shall submit an audit report in accordance with rules promulgated by the Auditor General. The annual attestation shall be submitted to the department for review within 9 months after the end of the organization's fiscal year.
- (2)(a) Within 120 days after receiving an organization's audit or attestation, the department shall determine which recipients of revenues from specialty license plate annual use fees have not complied with subsection (1). In determining compliance, the department may commission an independent actuarial consultant, or an independent certified public accountant, who has expertise in nonprofit and charitable organizations.
- (b) The department must discontinue the distribution of revenues to any organization failing to submit the required documentation as required in subsection (1), but may resume distribution of the revenues upon receipt of the required information.
 - (c) If the department or its designee determines that an



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organization has not complied or has failed to use the revenues in accordance with ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, the department must discontinue the distribution of the revenues to the organization. The department shall notify the organization of its findings and direct the organization to make the changes necessary in order to comply with this chapter. If the officers of the organization sign an affidavit under penalties of perjury stating that they acknowledge the findings of the department and attest that they have taken corrective action and that the organization will submit to a followup review by the department, the department may resume the distribution of revenues.

- (d) If an organization fails to comply with the department's recommendations and corrective actions as outlined in paragraph (c), the revenue distributions shall be discontinued until completion of the next regular session of the Legislature. The department shall notify the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by the first day of the next regular session of any organization whose revenues have been withheld as a result of this paragraph. If the Legislature does not provide direction to the organization and the department regarding the status of the undistributed revenues, the department shall deauthorize the plate and the undistributed revenues shall be immediately deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.
- (3) The department or its designee has the authority to examine all records pertaining to the use of funds from the sale of specialty license plates.

Section 6. Subsection (5) is added to section 320.0842, Florida Statutes, to read:



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320.0842 Free motor vehicle license plates to veterans who use wheelchairs.-

(5) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who resides in this state and qualifies for a license plate under this section and a Purple Heart license plate under s. 320.089, upon application to the department, shall be issued a license plate stamped with the term "Combat-wounded Veteran" followed by the serial number of the license plate and the international symbol of accessibility. The license plate entitles the person to all privileges afforded by a license plate issued under this section. When more than one registrant is listed on the registration issued under this section, the eligible applicant shall be noted on the registration certificate.

Section 7. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.089 Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; members of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients; active or retired United States Armed Forces reservists; Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or Combat Action Badge recipients; Combat Action Ribbon recipients; Air Force Combat Action Medal recipients; Distinguished Flying Cross recipients; former prisoners of war; Korean War Veterans; Vietnam War Veterans; Operation Desert Shield Veterans; Operation Desert Storm Veterans; Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans; Women Veterans; World War II Veterans; and Navy Submariners; Special license plates for military servicemembers, veterans, and Pearl Harbor Survivors; fee.-

(1)(a) Upon application to the department and payment of



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the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, a resident of the state who owns or leases Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial use, shall be issued a license plate pursuant to the following if the applicant provides the department with proof that he or she meets the qualifications listed in this section for the applicable license plate:

- 1. A person released or discharged from any branch who is a resident of the state and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces shall be issued a license plate stamped with the words "Veteran" or "Woman Veteran" followed by the serial number of the license plate., a Woman Veteran,
- 2. A World War II Veteran shall be issued a license plate stamped with the words "WWII Veteran" followed by the serial number of the license plate. 7
- 3. A Navy Submariner shall be issued a license plate stamped with the words "Navy Submariner" followed by the serial number of the license plate. 7
- 4. An active or retired member of the Florida National Guard shall be issued a license plate stamped with the words "National Guard" followed by the serial number of the license plate.
- 5. A member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or other person on active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, shall be issued a license plate stamped with the words "Pearl Harbor Survivor" followed by the serial number of the license plate., a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor,
 - 6. A recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall be issued a



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license plate stamped with the words "Combat-wounded Veteran" followed by the serial number of the license plate. The Purple Heart plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate. 7

- 7. An active or retired member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve shall be issued a license plate stamped with the words "U.S. Reserve" followed by the serial number of the license plate.
- 8. A member of the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., or a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, or Air Force Combat Action Medal shall be issued a license plate stamped with the words "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge," "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action Ribbon," or "Air Force Combat Action Medal," as appropriate, and a likeness of the related campaign badge, ribbon, or medal followed by the serial number of the license plate.
- 9. A recipient of the, or Distinguished Flying Cross shall be issued a license plate stamped with the words "Distinguished Flying Cross" and a likeness of the Distinguished Flying Cross followed by the serial number of the license plate.
- 10. A recipient of the Bronze Star shall be issued a license plate stamped with the term "Bronze Star" and a likeness of the Bronze Star Medal followed by the serial number of the license plate. A recipient of the Bronze Star with the "V" device shall be issued a license plate stamped with the words "Bronze Star" and a likeness of the Bronze Star Medal with the "V" device emblem followed by the serial number of the license



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plate, upon application to the department, accompanied by proof of release or discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces, proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, proof of active or retired membership in any branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of membership in the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., proof of being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or Distinguished Flying Cross, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, is stamped with the words "Veteran," "Woman Veteran," "WWII Veteran," "Navy Submariner," "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," "U.S. Reserve," "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge," "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action Ribbon," "Air Force Combat Action Medal," or "Distinguished Flying Cross," as appropriate, and a likeness of the related campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial number of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be



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deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct, operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

- (c) Any revenue generated from the sale of Woman Veteran license plates must be deposited into the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to s. 20.375(3) and must be used solely for the purpose of creating and implementing programs to benefit women veterans.
- (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the appropriate special license plate without payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.
- (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident of this state and who is a former prisoner of war, or his or her unremarried surviving spouse, upon application to the department, shall be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06 which may have the words "Ex-POW" $_{\tau}$ stamped on the plate and the likeness of the Prisoner of War Medal with the words <u>"Ex-POW"</u> followed by the serial number. Each application shall



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be accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

- (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of a nation allied with the United States who was held as a prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or his or her unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in this subsection without payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.
- (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States while he or she was not a United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or his or her unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.
- (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, upon application to the department accompanied by the payment of the required fees, shall be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06 which is stamped with the words "Purple Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by the serial number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant is



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- (4) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d) which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident of this state and a current or former member of the United States Armed Forces who was deployed and served in Korea during the Korean War as defined in s. 1.01(14), upon application to the department accompanied by proof of active membership or former active duty status during the Korean War and payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06, is stamped with the words "Korean War Veteran" and a likeness of the Korean Service Medal, followed by the registration license number of the plate. Proof that the applicant was awarded the Korean Service Medal is sufficient to establish eligibility for the license plate.
- (5) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d) which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident of this state and a current or former member of the United States military who was deployed and served in Vietnam during United States military deployment in Indochina, upon application to the department accompanied by proof of active membership or former active duty status during these operations and payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall



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be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06, is stamped with the words "Vietnam War Veteran" and a likeness of the Vietnam Service Medal, followed by the registration license number of the plate. Proof that the applicant was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal is sufficient to establish eligibility for the license plate.

(6) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d) which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident of this state and a current or former member of the United States military who was deployed and served in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, or another area of the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm; in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom; or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, upon application to the department accompanied by proof of active membership or former active duty status during one of these operations and payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06, is stamped with the words "Operation Desert Shield," "Operation Desert Storm," "Operation Enduring Freedom," or "Operation Iraqi Freedom," as appropriate, and a likeness of the related campaign medal followed by the registration license number of the plate. Proof that the applicant was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is sufficient to establish



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> Section 8. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2017.