

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to license plates; amending s. 320.06,
3 F.S.; providing an exception to the design of dealer
4 license plates; amending s. 320.0607, F.S.; providing
5 an exemption from a certain fee for vehicles
6 registered under the International Registration Plan;
7 amending s. 320.0657, F.S.; providing an exception to
8 the design of fleet license plates; authorizing fleet
9 companies to purchase specialty license plates in lieu
10 of standard fleet license plates; requiring fleet
11 companies to be responsible for certain costs;
12 amending s. 320.08, F.S.; authorizing dealers to
13 purchase specialty license plates in lieu of standard
14 graphic dealer license plates; requiring dealers to be
15 responsible for certain costs; amending s. 320.08053,
16 F.S.; revising presale requirements for issuance of a
17 specialty license plate; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.;
18 allowing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
19 Vehicles to authorize dealer and fleet specialty
20 license plates; providing requirements for such
21 plates; deleting certain specialty license plates;
22 establishing an annual use fee for certain specialty
23 license plates; revising provisions for discontinuing
24 issuance of a specialty license plate; revising
25 applicability; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising

26 | the design of certain specialty license plates;
27 | deleting certain specialty license plates; revising
28 | the distribution of annual use fees for certain
29 | specialty license plates; directing the department to
30 | develop certain specialty license plates; providing
31 | for distribution and use of fees collected from the
32 | sale of the plates; amending s. 320.08062, F.S.;
33 | directing the department to audit certain
34 | organizations that receive funds from the sale of
35 | specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08068, F.S.;
36 | requiring distribution of a specified percentage of
37 | motorcycle specialty license plate annual use fees to
38 | Preserve Vision Florida; creating s. 320.0875, F.S.;
39 | providing for a special motorcycle license plate to be
40 | issued to a recipient of the Purple Heart; providing
41 | requirements for the plate; amending s. 320.089, F.S.;
42 | providing for a special license plate to be issued to
43 | a recipient of the Bronze Star; providing effective
44 | dates.

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

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48 | Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
49 | 320.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

50 | 320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and

51 validation stickers generally.—

52 (3) (a) Registration license plates must be made of metal
53 specially treated with a retroreflection material, as specified
54 by the department. The registration license plate is designed to
55 increase nighttime visibility and legibility and must be at
56 least 6 inches wide and not less than 12 inches in length,
57 unless a plate with reduced dimensions is deemed necessary by
58 the department to accommodate motorcycles, mopeds, or similar
59 smaller vehicles. Validation stickers must also be treated with
60 a retroreflection material, must be of such size as specified by
61 the department, and must adhere to the license plate. The
62 registration license plate must be imprinted with a combination
63 of bold letters and numerals or numerals, not to exceed seven
64 digits, to identify the registration license plate number. The
65 license plate must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the
66 top and the name of the county in which it is sold, the state
67 motto, or the words "Sunshine State" at the bottom. Apportioned
68 license plates must have the word "Apportioned" at the bottom
69 and license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s.
70 320.08(3) (d), (4) (m) or (n), (5) (b) or (c), or (14) must have
71 the word "Restricted" at the bottom. License plates issued for
72 vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the
73 word "Florida" at the top and the word "Dealer" at the bottom
74 unless the license plate is a specialty license plate as
75 authorized in s. 320.08056. Manufacturer license plates issued

76 | for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with
77 | the word "Florida" at the top and the word "Manufacturer" at the
78 | bottom. License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s.
79 | 320.08(5)(d) or (e) must be imprinted with the word "Wrecker" at
80 | the bottom. Any county may, upon majority vote of the county
81 | commission, elect to have the county name removed from the
82 | license plates sold in that county. The state motto or the words
83 | "Sunshine State" shall be printed in lieu thereof. A license
84 | plate issued for a vehicle taxed under s. 320.08(6) may not be
85 | assigned a registration license number, or be issued with any
86 | other distinctive character or designation, that distinguishes
87 | the motor vehicle as a for-hire motor vehicle.

88 | Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 320.0607, Florida
89 | Statutes, is amended to read:

90 | 320.0607 Replacement license plates, validation decal, or
91 | mobile home sticker.—

92 | (5) Upon the issuance of an original license plate, the
93 | applicant shall pay a fee of \$28 to be deposited in the Highway
94 | Safety Operating Trust Fund. Beginning October 1, 2019, this
95 | subsection does not apply to a vehicle registered under the
96 | International Registration Plan.

97 | Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
98 | 320.0657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

99 | 320.0657 Permanent registration; fleet license plates.—

100 | (2)

101 (b) The plates, which shall be of a distinctive color,
102 shall have the word "Fleet" appearing at the bottom and the word
103 "Florida" appearing at the top unless the license plate is a
104 specialty license plate as authorized in s. 320.08056. The
105 plates shall conform in all respects to the provisions of this
106 chapter, except as specified herein. For additional fees as set
107 forth in s. 320.08056, fleet companies may purchase specialty
108 license plates in lieu of the standard fleet license plates.
109 Fleet companies shall be responsible for all costs associated
110 with the specialty license plate, including all annual use fees,
111 processing fees, fees associated with switching license plate
112 types, and any other applicable fees.

113 Section 4. Subsection (12) of section 320.08, Florida
114 Statutes, is amended to read:

115 320.08 License taxes.—Except as otherwise provided herein,
116 there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the
117 operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as
118 defined in s. 316.003(3), tri-vehicles as defined in s. 316.003,
119 and mobile homes as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid to
120 and collected by the department or its agent upon the
121 registration or renewal of registration of the following:

122 (12) DEALER AND MANUFACTURER LICENSE PLATES.—A franchised
123 motor vehicle dealer, independent motor vehicle dealer, marine
124 boat trailer dealer, or mobile home dealer and manufacturer
125 license plate: \$17 flat, of which \$4.50 shall be deposited into

126 | the General Revenue Fund. For additional fees as set forth in s.
 127 | 320.08056, dealers may purchase specialty license plates in lieu
 128 | of the standard graphic dealer license plates. Dealers shall be
 129 | responsible for all costs associated with the specialty license
 130 | plate, including all annual use fees, processing fees, fees
 131 | associated with switching license plate types, and any other
 132 | applicable fees.

133 | Section 5. Section 320.08053, Florida Statutes, is amended
 134 | to read:

135 | 320.08053 Establishment of Requirements ~~for requests to~~
 136 | ~~establish~~ specialty license plates.-

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

143 | (2) (a) Within 120 days after ~~following~~ the specialty
 144 | license plate becomes ~~becoming~~ law, the department shall
 145 | establish a method to issue a specialty license plate voucher to
 146 | allow for the presale of the specialty license plate. The
 147 | processing fee as prescribed in s. 320.08056, the service charge
 148 | and branch fee as prescribed in s. 320.04, and the annual use
 149 | fee as prescribed in s. 320.08056 shall be charged for the
 150 | voucher. All other applicable fees shall be charged at the time

151 of issuance of the license plates.

152 (b) Within 24 months after the presale specialty license
153 plate voucher is established, the approved specialty license
154 plate organization must record with the department a minimum of
155 3,000 ~~1,000~~ voucher sales before manufacture of the license
156 plate may begin ~~commence~~. If, at the conclusion of the 24-month
157 presale period, the minimum sales requirement has ~~requirements~~
158 ~~have~~ not been met, the specialty plate is deauthorized and the
159 department shall discontinue development of the plate and
160 discontinue issuance of the presale vouchers. Upon
161 deauthorization of the license plate, a purchaser of the license
162 plate voucher may use the annual use fee collected as a credit
163 towards any other specialty license plate or apply for a refund
164 on a form prescribed by the department.

165 (3) (a) If the Legislature has approved 125 or more
166 specialty license plates, the department may not make any new
167 specialty license plates available for design, presale, or
168 issuance until a sufficient number of plates are discontinued
169 pursuant to s. 320.08056(8) such that the number of plates being
170 issued is reduced to fewer than 125.

171 (b) New specialty license plates that have been approved
172 by law but are awaiting issuance under paragraph (a) shall be
173 issued in the order they appear in s. 320.08056(4) provided that
174 they have met the presale requirement. All other provisions of
175 this section must also be met before a plate is issued. If the

176 next awaiting specialty license plate has not met the presale
 177 requirement, the department shall proceed in the order provided
 178 in s. 320.08056(4) to identify the next qualified specialty
 179 license plate that has met the presale requirement. The
 180 department shall cycle through the list in statutory order.

181 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 320.08056, Florida
 182 Statutes, is amended, paragraphs (ff) through (ddd), (fff)
 183 through (ppp), and (sss) through (eeee) of subsection (4) of
 184 that section are redesignated as paragraphs (ee) through (ccc),
 185 (ddd) through (nnn), and (ooo) through (aaaa), respectively,
 186 present paragraphs (ee), (eee), (qqq), and (rrr) of that
 187 subsection are amended, new paragraphs (bbbb) through (hhhh) are
 188 added to that subsection, paragraphs (c) through (f) are added
 189 to subsection (8), and paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of that
 190 section is amended, to read:

191 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

192 (2)(a) The department shall issue a specialty license
 193 plate to the owner or lessee of any motor vehicle, except a
 194 vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, a
 195 commercial truck required to display two license plates pursuant
 196 to s. 320.0706, or a truck tractor, upon request and payment of
 197 the appropriate license tax and fees.

198 (b) The department may authorize dealer and fleet
 199 specialty license plates. With the permission of the sponsoring
 200 specialty license plate organization, a dealer or fleet company

201 may purchase specialty license plates to be used on dealer and
 202 fleet vehicles.

203 (c) Notwithstanding s. 320.08058, a dealer or fleet
 204 specialty license plate must include the letters "DLR" or "FLT"
 205 on the right side of the license plate. Dealer and fleet
 206 specialty license plates must be ordered directly through the
 207 department.

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

- 210 ~~(cc) American Red Cross license plate, \$25.~~
- 211 ~~(ccc) Donate Organs Pass It On license plate, \$25.~~
- 212 ~~(qqq) St. Johns River license plate, \$25.~~
- 213 ~~(rrr) Hispanic Achievers license plate, \$25.~~
- 214 (bbbb) Auburn University license plate, \$50.
- 215 (cccc) Donate Life Florida license plate, \$25.
- 216 (dddd) Florida State Beekeepers Association license plate,
 217 \$25.
- 218 (eeee) Rotary license plate, \$25.
- 219 (ffff) Beat Childhood Cancer license plate, \$25.
- 220 (gggg) Florida Bay Forever license plate, \$25.
- 221 (hhhh) Bonfish and Tarpon Trust license plate, \$25.

222 (8)

223 (c) A vehicle owner or lessee issued a specialty license
 224 plate that has been discontinued by the department may keep the
 225 discontinued specialty license plate for the remainder of the

226 10-year license plate replacement period and must pay all other
227 applicable registration fees. However, such owner or lessee is
228 exempt from paying the applicable specialty license plate fee
229 under subsection (4) for the remainder of the 10-year license
230 plate replacement period.

231 (d) If the department discontinues issuance of a specialty
232 license plate, all annual use fees held or collected by the
233 department shall be distributed within 180 days after the date
234 the specialty license plate is discontinued. Of those fees, the
235 department shall retain an amount sufficient to defray the
236 applicable administrative and inventory closeout costs
237 associated with discontinuance of the plate. The remaining funds
238 shall be distributed to the appropriate organization or
239 organizations pursuant to s. 320.08058.

240 (e) If an organization that is the intended recipient of
241 the funds pursuant to s. 320.08058 no longer exists, the
242 department shall deposit any undisbursed funds into the Highway
243 Safety Operating Trust Fund.

244 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), on January 1 of each
245 year, the department shall discontinue the specialty license
246 plate with the fewest number of plates in circulation. A warning
247 letter shall be mailed to the sponsoring organizations of the 10
248 percent of specialty license plates with the lowest number of
249 valid, active registrations as of December 1 of each year.

250 (10) (a) A specialty license plate annual use fee collected

251 and distributed under this chapter, or any interest earned from
 252 those fees, may not be used for commercial or for-profit
 253 activities nor for general or administrative expenses, except as
 254 authorized by s. 320.08058 or to pay the cost of the audit or
 255 report required by s. 320.08062(1). The fees and any interest
 256 earned from the fees may be expended only for use in this state
 257 unless the annual use fee is derived from the sale of United
 258 States Armed Forces and veterans-related specialty license
 259 plates pursuant to paragraphs (4) (d), (bb), (kk), (iii), and
 260 (uuu) ~~(ll), (kkk), and (yyy)~~ and s. 320.0891 or out-of-state
 261 college or university license plates pursuant to paragraph
 262 (4) (bbbb).

263 Section 7. Effective October 1, 2021, paragraph (a) of
 264 subsection (8) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, is
 265 amended to read:

266 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

267 (8) (a) The department must discontinue the issuance of an
 268 approved specialty license plate if the number of valid
 269 specialty plate registrations falls below 3,000 ~~1,000~~ plates for
 270 at least 12 consecutive months. A warning letter shall be mailed
 271 to the sponsoring organization following the first month in
 272 which the total number of valid specialty plate registrations is
 273 below 3,000 ~~1,000~~ plates. This paragraph does not apply to
 274 collegiate license plates established under s. 320.08058(3),
 275 license plates of institutions in and entities of the State

276 University System, specialty license plates that have statutory
 277 eligibility limitations for purchase, or Florida Professional
 278 Sports Team license plates established under s. 320.08058(9).

279 Section 8. Subsections (32) through (56), (58) through
 280 (68), and (71) through (83) of section 320.08058, Florida
 281 Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (31) through (55), (56)
 282 through (66), and (67) through (79), respectively, paragraph (a)
 283 of subsection (3), paragraph (a) of subsection (7), paragraph
 284 (b) of subsection (11), present subsections (31), (57), (69),
 285 and (70), and paragraph (b) of present subsection (80) are
 286 amended, and new subsections (80) through (86) are added to that
 287 section, to read:

288 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

289 (3) COLLEGIATE LICENSE PLATES.—

290 (a) The department shall develop a collegiate license
 291 plate as provided in this section for state and independent
 292 universities domiciled in this state. However, any collegiate
 293 license plate created or established after October 1, 2002, must
 294 comply with the requirements of s. 320.08053 and be specifically
 295 authorized by an act of the Legislature. Collegiate license
 296 plates must bear the colors and design approved by the
 297 department as appropriate for each state and independent
 298 university. The word "Florida" must be stamped across the bottom
 299 of the plate in small letters, except for the University of
 300 Central Florida specialty license plate, which shall have "2017

301 National Champions" stamped across the bottom of the plate.

302 (7) SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES.—

303 (a) Special Olympics Florida license plates must contain
 304 the official Special Olympics Florida logo and must bear the
 305 colors and ~~a design and colors that are~~ approved by the
 306 department. The word "Florida" must be centered at the top
 307 ~~bottom~~ of the plate, and the words "Be a Fan" ~~"Everyone Wins"~~
 308 must be centered at the bottom ~~top~~ of the plate.

309 (11) INVEST IN CHILDREN LICENSE PLATES.—

310 (b) The proceeds of the Invest in Children license plate
 311 annual use fee must be deposited into the Juvenile Crime
 312 Prevention and Early Intervention Trust Fund within the
 313 Department of Juvenile Justice. Based on the recommendations of
 314 the juvenile justice councils, the Department of Juvenile
 315 Justice shall use the proceeds of the fee to fund programs and
 316 services that are designed to prevent juvenile delinquency. ~~The~~
 317 ~~department shall allocate moneys for programs and services~~
 318 ~~within each county based on that county's proportionate share of~~
 319 ~~the license plate annual use fee collected by the county.~~

320 ~~(31) AMERICAN RED CROSS LICENSE PLATES.—~~

321 ~~(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 320.08053, the~~
 322 ~~department shall develop an American Red Cross license plate as~~
 323 ~~provided in this section. The word "Florida" must appear at the~~
 324 ~~top of the plate, and the words "American Red Cross" must appear~~
 325 ~~at the bottom of the plate.~~

326 ~~(b) The department shall retain all revenues from the sale~~
327 ~~of such plates until all startup costs for developing and~~
328 ~~issuing the plates have been recovered. Thereafter, 50 percent~~
329 ~~of the annual use fees shall be distributed to the American Red~~
330 ~~Cross Chapter of Central Florida, with statistics on sales of~~
331 ~~license plates, which are tabulated by county. The American Red~~
332 ~~Cross Chapter of Central Florida must distribute to each of the~~
333 ~~chapters in this state the moneys received from sales in the~~
334 ~~counties covered by the respective chapters, which moneys must~~
335 ~~be used for education and disaster relief in Florida. Fifty~~
336 ~~percent of the annual use fees shall be distributed~~
337 ~~proportionately to the three statewide approved poison control~~
338 ~~centers for purposes of combating bioterrorism and other poison-~~
339 ~~related purposes.~~

340 ~~(57) DONATE ORGANS PASS IT ON LICENSE PLATES.—~~

341 ~~(a) The department shall develop a Donate Organs Pass It~~
342 ~~On license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"~~
343 ~~must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Donate~~
344 ~~Organs Pass It On" must appear at the bottom of the plate.~~

345 ~~(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to Transplant~~
346 ~~Foundation, Inc., and shall use up to 10 percent of the proceeds~~
347 ~~from the annual use fee for marketing and administrative costs~~
348 ~~that are directly associated with the management and~~
349 ~~distribution of the proceeds. The remaining proceeds shall be~~
350 ~~used to provide statewide grants for patient services, including~~

351 ~~preoperative, rehabilitative, and housing assistance; organ~~
352 ~~donor education and awareness programs; and statewide medical~~
353 ~~research.~~

354 ~~(69) ST. JOHNS RIVER LICENSE PLATES.—~~

355 ~~(a) The department shall develop a St. Johns River license~~
356 ~~plate as provided in this section. The St. Johns River license~~
357 ~~plates must bear the colors and design approved by the~~
358 ~~department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the~~
359 ~~plate, and the words "St. Johns River" must appear at the bottom~~
360 ~~of the plate.~~

361 ~~(b) The requirements of s. 320.08053 must be met prior to~~
362 ~~the issuance of the plate. Thereafter, the license plate annual~~
363 ~~use fees shall be distributed to the St. Johns River Alliance,~~
364 ~~Inc., a s. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which shall~~
365 ~~administer the fees as follows:~~

366 ~~1. The St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., shall retain the~~
367 ~~first \$60,000 of the annual use fees as direct reimbursement for~~
368 ~~administrative costs, startup costs, and costs incurred in the~~
369 ~~development and approval process. Thereafter, up to 10 percent~~
370 ~~of the annual use fee revenue may be used for administrative~~
371 ~~costs directly associated with education programs, conservation,~~
372 ~~research, and grant administration of the organization, and up~~
373 ~~to 10 percent may be used for promotion and marketing of the~~
374 ~~specialty license plate.~~

375 ~~2. At least 30 percent of the fees shall be available for~~

376 ~~competitive grants for targeted community-based or county-based~~
377 ~~research or projects for which state funding is limited or not~~
378 ~~currently available. The remaining 50 percent shall be directed~~
379 ~~toward community outreach and access programs. The competitive~~
380 ~~grants shall be administered and approved by the board of~~
381 ~~directors of the St. Johns River Alliance, Inc. A grant advisory~~
382 ~~committee shall be composed of six members chosen by the St.~~
383 ~~Johns River Alliance board members.~~

384 ~~3. Any remaining funds shall be distributed with the~~
385 ~~approval of and accountability to the board of directors of the~~
386 ~~St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., and shall be used to support~~
387 ~~activities contributing to education, outreach, and springs~~
388 ~~conservation.~~

389 ~~(70) HISPANIC ACHIEVERS LICENSE PLATES.—~~

390 ~~(a) Notwithstanding the requirements of s. 320.08053, the~~
391 ~~department shall develop a Hispanic Achievers license plate as~~
392 ~~provided in this section. The plate must bear the colors and~~
393 ~~design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must~~
394 ~~appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Hispanic~~
395 ~~Achievers" must appear at the bottom of the plate.~~

396 ~~(b) The proceeds from the license plate annual use fee~~
397 ~~shall be distributed to National Hispanic Corporate Achievers,~~
398 ~~Inc., a nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal~~
399 ~~Revenue Code, to fund grants to nonprofit organizations to~~
400 ~~operate programs and provide scholarships and for marketing the~~

401 ~~Hispanic Achievers license plate. National Hispanic Corporate~~
402 ~~Achievers, Inc., shall establish a Hispanic Achievers Grant~~
403 ~~Council that shall provide recommendations for statewide grants~~
404 ~~from available Hispanic Achievers license plate proceeds to~~
405 ~~nonprofit organizations for programs and scholarships for~~
406 ~~Hispanic and minority Floridians. National Hispanic Corporate~~
407 ~~Achievers, Inc., shall also establish a Hispanic Achievers~~
408 ~~License Plate Fund. Moneys in the fund shall be used by the~~
409 ~~grant council as provided in this paragraph. All funds received~~
410 ~~under this subsection must be used in this state.~~

411 ~~(c) National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc., may~~
412 ~~retain all proceeds from the annual use fee until documented~~
413 ~~startup costs for developing and establishing the plate have~~
414 ~~been recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds from the annual use fee~~
415 ~~shall be used as follows:~~

416 ~~1. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds may be used for the~~
417 ~~cost of administration of the Hispanic Achievers License Plate~~
418 ~~Fund, the Hispanic Achievers Grant Council, and related matters.~~

419 ~~2. Funds may be used as necessary for annual audit or~~
420 ~~compliance affidavit costs.~~

421 ~~3. Up to 20 percent of the proceeds may be used to market~~
422 ~~and promote the Hispanic Achievers license plate.~~

423 ~~4. Twenty five percent of the proceeds shall be used by~~
424 ~~the Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc., located in Seminole~~
425 ~~County, for grants.~~

426 ~~5. The remaining proceeds shall be available to the~~
427 ~~Hispanic Achievers Grant Council to award grants for services,~~
428 ~~programs, or scholarships for Hispanic and minority individuals~~
429 ~~and organizations throughout Florida. All grant recipients must~~
430 ~~provide to the Hispanic Achievers Grant Council an annual~~
431 ~~program and financial report regarding the use of grant funds.~~
432 ~~Such reports must be available to the public.~~

433 ~~(d) Effective July 1, 2014, the Hispanic Achievers license~~
434 ~~plate will shift into the presale voucher phase, as provided in~~
435 ~~s. 320.08053(2) (b). National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc.,~~
436 ~~shall have 24 months to record a minimum of 1,000 sales. Sales~~
437 ~~include existing active plates and vouchers sold subsequent to~~
438 ~~July 1, 2014. During the voucher period, new plates may not be~~
439 ~~issued, but existing plates may be renewed. If, at the~~
440 ~~conclusion of the 24-month presale period, the requirement of a~~
441 ~~minimum of 1,000 sales has been met, the department shall resume~~
442 ~~normal distribution of the Hispanic Achievers license plate. If,~~
443 ~~after 24 months, the minimum of 1,000 sales has not been met,~~
444 ~~the department shall discontinue the Hispanic Achievers license~~
445 ~~plate. This subsection is repealed June 30, 2016.~~

446 ~~(76)-(80) FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS LICENSE PLATES.-~~

447 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Police
448 and Kids Foundation, Inc., which may use up to a maximum of 10
449 percent of the proceeds for marketing ~~to promote and market~~ the
450 plate. All remaining ~~The remainder of the~~ proceeds shall be

451 distributed to and used by the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc.,
452 for its operations, activities, programs, and projects ~~to invest~~
453 ~~and reinvest, and the interest earnings shall be used for the~~
454 ~~operation of the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc.~~

455 (80) AUBURN UNIVERSITY LICENSE PLATES.—

456 (a) The department shall develop an Auburn University
457 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The
458 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
459 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
460 plate, and the words "War Eagle" must appear at the bottom of
461 the plate.

462 (b) The Tampa Bay Auburn Club is the lead club on behalf
463 of the Auburn clubs in this state. The annual use fees from the
464 sale of the plate shall be distributed to the Tampa Bay Auburn
465 Club, together with statistics on sales of the license plates
466 tabulated by county. The Tampa Bay Auburn Club must distribute
467 to each of the state's Auburn clubs on a pro rata basis the
468 moneys received from sales in the regions within the respective
469 club's area for the purpose of awarding scholarships to Florida
470 residents attending Auburn University. Students receiving these
471 scholarships must be eligible for the Florida Bright Futures
472 Scholarship Program pursuant to s. 1009.531 and shall use the
473 scholarship funds for tuition and other expenses related to
474 attending Auburn University.

475 (81) DONATE LIFE FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES.—

476 (a) The department shall develop a Donate Life Florida
477 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The
478 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
479 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
480 plate, and the words "Donors Save Lives" must appear at the
481 bottom of the plate.

482 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall
483 be distributed to Donate Life Florida, which may use up to 10
484 percent of the proceeds for marketing and administrative costs.
485 The remaining proceeds of the annual use fees shall be used by
486 Donate Life Florida to educate Florida residents on the
487 importance of organ, tissue, and eye donation and for the
488 continued maintenance of the Joshua Abbott Organ and Tissue
489 Donor Registry.

490 (82) FLORIDA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.—

491 (a) The department shall develop a Florida State
492 Beekeepers Association license plate as provided in this section
493 and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design
494 approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at
495 the top of the plate, and the words "Save the Bees" must appear
496 at the bottom of the plate.

497 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the
498 Florida State Beekeepers Association, a Florida nonprofit
499 corporation. The Florida State Beekeepers Association may use up
500 to 10 percent of the annual use fees for administrative,

501 promotional, and marketing costs of the license plate.

502 (c) The remaining funds shall be distributed to the
 503 Florida State Beekeepers Association and shall be used to raise
 504 awareness of the importance of beekeeping to Florida agriculture
 505 by funding honeybee research, education, outreach, and
 506 husbandry. The Florida State Beekeepers Association board of
 507 managers must approve and is accountable for all such
 508 expenditures.

509 (83) ROTARY LICENSE PLATES.—

510 (a) The department shall develop a Rotary license plate as
 511 provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear
 512 the colors and design approved by the department. The word
 513 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the word
 514 "Rotary" must appear on the bottom of the plate. The license
 515 plate must bear the Rotary International wheel emblem.

516 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the
 517 Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc., to be used as follows:

518 1. Up to 10 percent may be used for administrative costs
 519 and for marketing of the plate.

520 2. Ten percent shall be distributed to Rotary's Camp
 521 Florida for direct support to all programs and services provided
 522 to children with special needs who attend the camp.

523 3. The remainder shall be distributed, proportionally
 524 based on sales, to each Rotary district in the state in support
 525 of Rotary youth programs in Florida.

526 (84) BEAT CHILDHOOD CANCER LICENSE PLATES.—

527 (a) The department shall develop a Beat Childhood Cancer
528 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The
529 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
530 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
531 plate, and the words "Beat Childhood Cancer" must appear at the
532 bottom of the plate.

533 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall
534 be distributed to Beat Nb, Inc., which may use up to 10 percent
535 of the proceeds for administrative costs directly associated
536 with the operation of the corporation and for marketing and
537 promoting the plate. The remaining proceeds shall be used by the
538 corporation to fund pediatric cancer treatment and research.

539 (85) FLORIDA BAY FOREVER LICENSE PLATES.—

540 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Bay Forever
541 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The
542 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
543 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
544 plate, and the words "Florida Bay Forever" must appear at the
545 bottom of the plate.

546 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall
547 be distributed to the Florida National Park Association, Inc.,
548 which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for
549 administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The remainder
550 of the funds shall be used to supplement the Everglades National

551 Park's budgets and to support educational, interpretive,
 552 historical, and scientific research relating to the Everglades
 553 National Park.

554 (86) BONEFISH AND TARPON TRUST LICENSE PLATES.-

555 (a) The department shall develop a Bonefish and Tarpon
 556 Trust license plate as provided in this section and s.
 557 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by
 558 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
 559 plate, and the words "Bonefish and Tarpon Trust" must appear at
 560 the bottom of the plate.

561 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall
 562 be distributed to the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust, which may use
 563 up to 10 percent of the proceeds to promote and market the
 564 license plate. The remainder of the proceeds shall be used to
 565 conserve and enhance Florida bonefish and tarpon fisheries and
 566 their respective environments through stewardship, research,
 567 education, and advocacy.

568 Section 9. Section 320.08062, Florida Statutes, is amended
 569 to read:

570 320.08062 Audits and attestations required; annual use
 571 fees of specialty license plates.-

572 (1) (a) All organizations that receive annual use fee
 573 proceeds from the department are responsible for ensuring that
 574 proceeds are used in accordance with ss. 320.08056 and
 575 320.08058.

576 (b) Any organization not subject to audit pursuant to s.
577 215.97 shall annually attest, under penalties of perjury, that
578 such proceeds were used in compliance with ss. 320.08056 and
579 320.08058. The attestation shall be made annually in a form and
580 format determined by the department. In addition, the department
581 shall audit any such organization every 3 years to ensure
582 proceeds have been used in compliance with ss. 320.08056 and
583 320.08058.

584 (c) Any organization subject to audit pursuant to s.
585 215.97 shall submit an audit report in accordance with rules
586 promulgated by the Auditor General. The annual attestation shall
587 be submitted to the department for review within 9 months after
588 the end of the organization's fiscal year.

589 (2) (a) Within 120 days after receiving an organization's
590 audit or attestation, the department shall determine which
591 recipients of revenues from specialty license plate annual use
592 fees have not complied with subsection (1). In determining
593 compliance, the department may commission an independent
594 actuarial consultant, or an independent certified public
595 accountant, who has expertise in nonprofit and charitable
596 organizations.

597 (b) The department must discontinue the distribution of
598 revenues to any organization failing to submit the required
599 documentation as required in subsection (1), but may resume
600 distribution of the revenues upon receipt of the required

601 information.

602 (c) If the department or its designee determines that an
603 organization has not complied or has failed to use the revenues
604 in accordance with ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, the department
605 must discontinue the distribution of the revenues to the
606 organization. The department shall notify the organization of
607 its findings and direct the organization to make the changes
608 necessary in order to comply with this chapter. If the officers
609 of the organization sign an affidavit under penalties of perjury
610 stating that they acknowledge the findings of the department and
611 attest that they have taken corrective action and that the
612 organization will submit to a followup review by the department,
613 the department may resume the distribution of revenues.

614 (d) If an organization fails to comply with the
615 department's recommendations and corrective actions as outlined
616 in paragraph (c), the revenue distributions shall be
617 discontinued until completion of the next regular session of the
618 Legislature. The department shall notify the President of the
619 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by the
620 first day of the next regular session of any organization whose
621 revenues have been withheld as a result of this paragraph. If
622 the Legislature does not provide direction to the organization
623 and the department regarding the status of the undistributed
624 revenues, the department shall deauthorize the plate and the
625 undistributed revenues shall be immediately deposited into the

626 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

627 (3) The department or its designee has the authority to
 628 examine all records pertaining to the use of funds from the sale
 629 of specialty license plates.

630 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
 631 320.08068, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

632 320.08068 Motorcycle specialty license plates.—

633 (4) A license plate annual use fee of \$20 shall be
 634 collected for each motorcycle specialty license plate. Annual
 635 use fees shall be distributed as follows:

636 (b) Twenty percent to Preserve Vision ~~Prevent Blindness~~
 637 Florida.

638 Section 11. Section 320.0875, Florida Statutes, is created
 639 to read:

640 320.0875 Purple Heart special motorcycle license plate.—

641 (1) Upon application to the department and payment of the
 642 license tax for the motorcycle as provided in s. 320.08, a
 643 resident of the state who owns or leases a motorcycle that is
 644 not used for hire or commercial use shall be issued a Purple
 645 Heart special motorcycle license plate if he or she provides
 646 documentation acceptable to the department that he or she is a
 647 recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

648 (2) The Purple Heart special motorcycle license plate
 649 shall be stamped with the term "Combat-wounded Veteran" followed
 650 by the serial number of the license plate. The Purple Heart

651 special motorcycle license plate may have the term "Purple
652 Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart
653 medal appearing on the plate.

654 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
655 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

656 320.089 Veterans of the United States Armed Forces;
657 members of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple
658 Heart medal recipients; Bronze Star recipients; active or
659 retired United States Armed Forces reservists; Combat Infantry
660 Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or Combat Action Badge recipients;
661 Combat Action Ribbon recipients; Air Force Combat Action Medal
662 recipients; Distinguished Flying Cross recipients; former
663 prisoners of war; Korean War Veterans; Vietnam War Veterans;
664 Operation Desert Shield Veterans; Operation Desert Storm
665 Veterans; Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; Operation Iraqi
666 Freedom Veterans; Women Veterans; World War II Veterans; and
667 Navy Submariners; special license plates; fee.—

668 (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
669 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.
670 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial
671 use, who is a resident of the state and a veteran of the United
672 States Armed Forces, a Woman Veteran, a World War II Veteran, a
673 Navy Submariner, an active or retired member of the Florida
674 National Guard, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a
675 recipient of the Purple Heart medal, a recipient of the Bronze

676 | Star, an active or retired member of any branch of the United
 677 | States Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat
 678 | Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge,
 679 | Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or
 680 | Distinguished Flying Cross, upon application to the department,
 681 | accompanied by proof of release or discharge from any branch of
 682 | the United States Armed Forces, proof of active membership or
 683 | retired status in the Florida National Guard, proof of
 684 | membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or proof of
 685 | active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof
 686 | of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, proof of being a Bronze
 687 | Star recipient, proof of active or retired membership in any
 688 | branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of
 689 | membership in the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., proof
 690 | of being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat
 691 | Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air
 692 | Force Combat Action Medal, or Distinguished Flying Cross, and
 693 | upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in
 694 | s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as provided by s.
 695 | 320.06 which, in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s.
 696 | 320.06, is stamped with the words "Veteran," "Woman Veteran,"
 697 | "WWII Veteran," "Navy Submariner," "National Guard," "Pearl
 698 | Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," "Bronze Star," "U.S.
 699 | Reserve," "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge,"
 700 | "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action Ribbon," "Air Force Combat

701 Action Medal," or "Distinguished Flying Cross," as appropriate,
702 and a likeness of the related campaign medal or badge, followed
703 by the serial number of the license plate. Additionally, the
704 Purple Heart plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on
705 the plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing
706 on the plate.

707 Section 13. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
708 act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2018.