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A bill to be entitled An act relating to license plates; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; providing an exception to the design of dealer license plates; amending s. 320.0657, F.S.; providing an exception to the design of fleet license plates; authorizing fleet companies to purchase specialty license plates in lieu of standard fleet license plates; requiring fleet companies to be responsible for certain costs; amending s. 320.08, F.S.; authorizing dealers to purchase specialty license plates in lieu of standard graphic dealer license plates; requiring dealers to be responsible for certain costs; amending s. 320.08053, F.S.; revising presale requirements for issuance of a specialty license plate; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; allowing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to authorize dealer and fleet specialty license plates; providing requirements for such plates; deleting certain specialty license plates; establishing an annual use fee for certain specialty license plates; revising provisions for discontinuing issuance of a specialty license plate; revising applicability; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising the design of certain specialty license plates; deleting certain specialty license plates; revising the distribution of

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annual use fees for certain specialty license plates; directing the department 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 to audit certain organizations that receive funds from the sale of specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08068, F.S.; requiring distribution of a specified percentage of motorcycle specialty license plate annual use fees to Preserve Vision Florida; creating s. 320.0875, F.S.; providing for a special motorcycle license plate to be issued to a recipient of the Purple Heart; providing requirements for the plate; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; providing for a special license plate to be issued to a recipient of the Bronze Star; providing effective dates.

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

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

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320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and validation stickers generally.—

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(3) (a) Registration license plates must be made of metal specially treated with a retroreflection material, as specified

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by the department. The registration license plate is designed to increase nighttime visibility and legibility and must be at least 6 inches wide and not less than 12 inches in length, unless a plate with reduced dimensions is deemed necessary by the department to accommodate motorcycles, mopeds, or similar smaller vehicles. Validation stickers must also be treated with a retroreflection material, must be of such size as specified by the department, and must adhere to the license plate. The registration license plate must be imprinted with a combination of bold letters and numerals or numerals, not to exceed seven digits, to identify the registration license plate number. The license plate must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the name of the county in which it is sold, the state motto, or the words "Sunshine State" at the bottom. Apportioned license plates must have the word "Apportioned" at the bottom and license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(3)(d), (4)(m) or (n), (5)(b) or (c), or (14) must have the word "Restricted" at the bottom. License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the word "Dealer" at the bottom unless the license plate is a specialty license plate as authorized in s. 320.08056. Manufacturer license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the word "Manufacturer" at the bottom. License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s.

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320.08(5)(d) or (e) must be imprinted with the word "Wrecker" at the bottom. Any county may, upon majority vote of the county commission, elect to have the county name removed from the license plates sold in that county. The state motto or the words "Sunshine State" shall be printed in lieu thereof. A license plate issued for a vehicle taxed under s. 320.08(6) may not be assigned a registration license number, or be issued with any other distinctive character or designation, that distinguishes the motor vehicle as a for-hire motor vehicle.

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

320.0657 Permanent registration; fleet license plates.—
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(b) The plates, which shall be of a distinctive color, shall have the word "Fleet" appearing at the bottom and the word "Florida" appearing at the top unless the license plate is a specialty license plate as authorized in s. 320.08056. The plates shall conform in all respects to the provisions of this chapter, except as specified herein. For additional fees as set forth in s. 320.08056, fleet companies may purchase specialty license plates in lieu of the standard fleet license plates. Fleet companies shall be responsible for all costs associated with the specialty license plate, including all annual use fees, processing fees, fees associated with switching license plate types, and any other applicable fees.

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101	Section 3. Subsection (12) of section 320.08, Florida
102	Statutes, is amended to read:
103	320.08 License taxes.—Except as otherwise provided herein,
104	there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the
105	operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as
106	defined in s. 316.003(3), tri-vehicles as defined in s. 316.003,
107	and mobile homes as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid to
108	and collected by the department or its agent upon the
109	registration or renewal of registration of the following:
110	(12) DEALER AND MANUFACTURER LICENSE PLATES.—A franchised
111	motor vehicle dealer, independent motor vehicle dealer, marine
112	boat trailer dealer, or mobile home dealer and manufacturer
113	license plate: \$17 flat, of which \$4.50 shall be deposited into
114	the General Revenue Fund. For additional fees as set forth in s.
115	320.08056, dealers may purchase specialty license plates in lieu
116	of the standard graphic dealer license plates. Dealers shall be
117	responsible for all costs associated with the specialty license
118	plate, including all annual use fees, processing fees, fees
119	associated with switching license plate types, and any other
120	applicable fees.
121	Section 4. Section 320.08053, Florida Statutes, is amended
122	to read:
123	320.08053 <u>Establishment of</u> Requirements for requests to
124	establish specialty license plates.—
125	(1) If a specialty license plate requested by an

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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.

- (2) (a) Within 120 days <u>after</u> following the specialty license plate <u>becomes</u> 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 plates.
- (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 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.

- (3) (a) If the Legislature has approved 125 or more specialty license plates, the department may not make any new specialty license plates available for design, presale, or issuance until a sufficient number of plates are discontinued pursuant to s. 320.08056(8) such that the number of plates being issued is reduced to fewer than 125.
- (b) New specialty license plates that have been approved by law but are awaiting issuance under paragraph (a) shall be issued in the order they appear in s. 320.08056(4) provided that they have met the presale requirement. All other provisions of this section must also be met before a plate is issued. If the next awaiting specialty license plate has not met the presale requirement, the department shall proceed in the order provided in s. 320.08056(4) to identify the next qualified specialty license plate that has met the presale requirement. The department shall cycle through the list in statutory order.

Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraphs (ff) through (ddd), (fff) through (ppp), and (sss) through (eeee) of subsection (4) of that section are redesignated as paragraphs (ee) through (ccc), (ddd) through (nnn), and (ooo) through (aaaa), respectively, present paragraphs (ee), (eee), (qqq), and (rrr) of that subsection are amended, new paragraphs (bbbb) through (hhhh) are

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added to that subsection, paragraphs (c) through (f) are added to subsection (8), and paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of that section is amended, to read:

320.08056 Specialty license plates.-

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- (2) (a) The department shall issue a specialty license plate to the owner or lessee of any motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, a commercial truck required to display two license plates pursuant to s. 320.0706, or a truck tractor, upon request and payment of the appropriate license tax and fees.
- (b) The department may authorize dealer and fleet specialty license plates. With the permission of the sponsoring specialty license plate organization, a dealer or fleet company may purchase specialty license plates to be used on dealer and fleet vehicles.
- (c) Notwithstanding s. 320.08058, a dealer or fleet specialty license plate must include the letters "DLR" or "FLT" on the right side of the license plate. Dealer and fleet specialty license plates must be ordered directly through the department.
- (4) The following license plate annual use fees shall be collected for the appropriate specialty license plates:
  - (ee) American Red Cross license plate, \$25.
  - (eee) Donate Organs-Pass It On license plate, \$25.
- (qqq) St. Johns River license plate, \$25.

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201	(rrr) Hispanic Achievers license plate, \$25.
202	(bbbb) Auburn University license plate, \$50.
203	(cccc) Donate Life Florida license plate, \$25.
204	(dddd) Florida State Beekeepers Association license plate,
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206	(eeee) Rotary license plate, \$25.
207	(ffff) Beat Childhood Cancer license plate, \$25.
208	(gggg) Florida Bay Forever license plate, \$25.
209	(hhhh) Bonefish and Tarpon Trust license plate, \$25.
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211	(c) A vehicle owner or lessee issued a specialty license
212	plate that has been discontinued by the department may keep the
213	discontinued specialty license plate for the remainder of the
214	10-year license plate replacement period and must pay all other
215	applicable registration fees. However, such owner or lessee is
216	exempt from paying the applicable specialty license plate fee
217	under subsection (4) for the remainder of the 10-year license
218	<pre>plate replacement period.</pre>
219	(d) If the department discontinues issuance of a specialty
220	license plate, all annual use fees held or collected by the
221	department shall be distributed within 180 days after the date
222	the specialty license plate is discontinued. Of those fees, the
223	department shall retain an amount sufficient to defray the
224	applicable administrative and inventory closeout costs
225	associated with discontinuance of the plate. The remaining funds

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shall be distributed to the appropriate organization or organizations pursuant to 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.
- (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), on January 1 of each year, the department shall discontinue the specialty license plate with the fewest number of plates in circulation. A warning letter shall be mailed to the sponsoring organizations of the 10 percent of specialty license plates with the lowest number of valid, active registrations as of December 1 of each year.
- (10)(a) A specialty license plate annual use fee collected and distributed under this chapter, or any interest earned from those fees, may not be used for commercial or for-profit activities nor for general or administrative expenses, except as authorized by s. 320.08058 or to pay the cost of the audit or report required by s. 320.08062(1). The fees and any interest earned from the fees may be expended only for use in this state unless the annual use fee is derived from the sale of United States Armed Forces and veterans-related specialty license plates pursuant to paragraphs (4)(d), (bb), (kk), (iii), and (uuu) (11), (kkk), and (yyy) and s. 320.0891 or out-of-state college or university license plates pursuant to paragraph (4)(bbbb).

251 Section 6. Effective October 1, 2021, paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, is 252 253 amended to read: 254 320.08056 Specialty license plates.-255 (8) (a) The department must discontinue the issuance of an 256 approved specialty license plate if the number of valid 257 specialty plate registrations falls below 3,000 1,000 plates for 258 at least 12 consecutive months. A warning letter shall be mailed 259 to the sponsoring organization following the first month in which the total number of valid specialty plate registrations is 260 261 below 3,000 1,000 plates. This paragraph does not apply to 262 collegiate license plates established under s. 320.08058(3), license plates of institutions in and entities of the State 263 264 University System, specialty license plates that have statutory 265 eligibility limitations for purchase, or Florida Professional 266 Sports Team license plates established under s. 320.08058(9). 267 Section 7. Subsections (32) through (56), (58) through 268 (68), and (71) through (83) of section 320.08058, Florida 269 Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (31) through (55), (56) 270 through (66), and (67) through (79), respectively, paragraph (a) 271 of subsection (3), paragraph (a) of subsection (7), paragraph 272 (b) of subsection (11), present subsections (31), (57), (69), and (70), and paragraph (b) of present subsection (80) are 273 274 amended, and new subsections (80) through (86) are added to that 275 section, to read:

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320.08058 Specialty license plates.-

(3) COLLEGIATE LICENSE PLATES.-

- (a) The department shall develop a collegiate license plate as provided in this section for state and independent universities domiciled in this state. However, any collegiate license plate created or established after October 1, 2002, must comply with the requirements of s. 320.08053 and be specifically authorized by an act of the Legislature. Collegiate license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the department as appropriate for each state and independent university. The word "Florida" must be stamped across the bottom of the plate in small letters, except for the University of Central Florida specialty license plate, which shall have "2017 National Champions" stamped across the bottom of the plate.
  - (7) SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) Special Olympics Florida license plates must contain the official Special Olympics Florida logo and must bear the colors and 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.
  - (11) INVEST IN CHILDREN LICENSE PLATES.-
- (b) The proceeds of the Invest in Children license plate annual use fee must be deposited into the Juvenile Crime Prevention and Early Intervention Trust Fund within the

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Department of Juvenile Justice. Based on the recommendations of the juvenile justice councils, the Department of Juvenile Justice shall use the proceeds of the fee to fund programs and services that are designed to prevent juvenile delinquency. The department shall allocate moneys for programs and services within each county based on that county's proportionate share of the license plate annual use fee collected by the county.

(31) AMERICAN RED CROSS LICENSE PLATES. -

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 320.08053, the department shall develop an American Red Cross license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "American Red Cross" must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The department shall retain all revenues from the sale of such plates until all startup costs for developing and issuing the plates have been recovered. Thereafter, 50 percent of the annual use fees shall be distributed to the American Red Cross Chapter of Central Florida, with statistics on sales of license plates, which are tabulated by county. The American Red Cross Chapter of Central Florida must distribute to each of the chapters in this state the moneys received from sales in the counties covered by the respective chapters, which moneys must be used for education and disaster relief in Florida. Fifty percent of the annual use fees shall be distributed proportionately to the three statewide approved poison control

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centers for purposes of combating bioterrorism and other poison-326 327 related purposes. 328 (57) DONATE ORGANS-PASS IT ON LICENSE PLATES. 329 (a) The department shall develop a Donate Organs-Pass 330 On license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" 331 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Donate 332 Organs-Pass It On" must appear at the bottom of the plate. (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to Transplant 333 334 Foundation, Inc., and shall use up to 10 percent of the proceeds 335 from the annual use fee for marketing and administrative costs 336 that are directly associated with the management and 337 distribution of the proceeds. The remaining proceeds shall be 338 used to provide statewide grants for patient services, including 339 preoperative, rehabilitative, and housing assistance; organ 340 donor education and awareness programs; and statewide medical 341 research. 342 (69) ST. JOHNS RIVER LICENSE PLATES. 343 (a) The department shall develop a St. Johns River license 344 plate as provided in this section. The St. Johns River license 345 plates must bear the colors and design approved by the 346 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the 347 plate, and the words "St. Johns River" must appear at the bottom of the plate. 348 (b) The requirements of s. 320.08053 must be met prior 349 the issuance of the plate. Thereafter, the license plate annual 350

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use fees shall be distributed to the St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., a s. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which shall administer the fees as follows:

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

2. At least 30 percent of the fees shall be available for competitive grants for targeted community-based or county-based research or projects for which state funding is limited or not currently available. The remaining 50 percent shall be directed toward community outreach and access programs. The competitive grants shall be administered and approved by the board of directors of the St. Johns River Alliance, Inc. A grant advisory committee shall be composed of six members chosen by the St. Johns River Alliance board members.

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

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(70) HISPANIC ACHIEVERS LICENSE PLATES.-

(a) Notwithstanding the requirements of s. 320.08053, the department shall develop a Hispanic Achievers license plate as provided in this section. 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 "Hispanic Achievers" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The proceeds from the license plate annual use fee shall be distributed to National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc., a nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to fund grants to nonprofit organizations to operate programs and provide scholarships and for marketing the Hispanic Achievers license plate. National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc., shall establish a Hispanic Achievers Grant Council that shall provide recommendations for statewide grants from available Hispanic Achievers license plate proceeds to nonprofit organizations for programs and scholarships for Hispanic and minority Floridians. National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc., shall also establish a Hispanic Achievers License Plate Fund. Moneys in the fund shall be used by the grant council as provided in this paragraph. All funds received under this subsection must be used in this state.

(c) National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc., may retain all proceeds from the annual use fee until documented

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startup costs for developing and establishing the plate have been recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds from the annual use fee shall be used as follows:

- 1. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds may be used for the cost of administration of the Hispanic Achievers License Plate Fund, the Hispanic Achievers Grant Council, and related matters.
- 2. Funds may be used as necessary for annual audit or compliance affidavit costs.
- 3. Up to 20 percent of the proceeds may be used to market and promote the Hispanic Achievers license plate.
- 4. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds shall be used by the Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc., located in Seminole County, for grants.
- 5. The remaining proceeds shall be available to the Hispanic Achievers Grant Council to award grants for services, programs, or scholarships for Hispanic and minority individuals and organizations throughout Florida. All grant recipients must provide to the Hispanic Achievers Grant Council an annual program and financial report regarding the use of grant funds. Such reports must be available to the public.
- (d) Effective July 1, 2014, the Hispanic Achievers license plate will shift into the presale voucher phase, as provided in s. 320.08053(2)(b). National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc., shall have 24 months to record a minimum of 1,000 sales. Sales include existing active plates and vouchers sold subsequent to

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July 1, 2014. During the voucher period, new plates may not be issued, but existing plates may be renewed. If, at the conclusion of the 24-month presale period, the requirement of a minimum of 1,000 sales has been met, the department shall resume normal distribution of the Hispanic Achievers license plate. If, after 24 months, the minimum of 1,000 sales has not been met, the department shall discontinue the Hispanic Achievers license plate. This subsection is repealed June 30, 2016.

- (76) <del>(80)</del> FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS LICENSE PLATES.—
- (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc., which may use up to a maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds for marketing to promote and market the plate. All remaining The remainder of the proceeds shall be distributed to and used by the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc., for its operations, activities, programs, and projects to invest and reinvest, and the interest earnings shall be used for the operation of the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc.
  - (80) AUBURN UNIVERSITY LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop an Auburn University
  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 "War Eagle" must appear at the bottom of
  the plate.
  - (b) The Tampa Bay Auburn Club is the lead club on behalf

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of the Auburn clubs in this state. The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed to the Tampa Bay Auburn Club, together with statistics on sales of the license plates tabulated by county. The Tampa Bay Auburn Club must distribute to each of the state's Auburn clubs on a pro rata basis the moneys received from sales in the regions within the respective club's area for the purpose of awarding scholarships to Florida residents attending Auburn University. Students receiving these scholarships must be eligible for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program pursuant to s. 1009.531 and shall use the scholarship funds for tuition and other expenses related to attending Auburn University.

(81) DONATE LIFE FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES.-

- (a) The department shall develop a Donate Life Florida 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 "Donors Save Lives" must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed to Donate Life Florida, which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for marketing and administrative costs.

  The remaining proceeds of the annual use fees shall be used by Donate Life Florida to educate Florida residents on the importance of organ, tissue, and eye donation and for the

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476 continued maintenance of the Joshua Abbott Organ and Tissue 477 Donor Registry. 478 (82) FLORIDA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.-479 The department shall develop a Florida State 480 Beekeepers Association license plate as provided in this section 481 and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design 482 approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Save the Bees" must appear 483 484 at the bottom of the plate. 485 The annual use fees shall be distributed to the 486 Florida State Beekeepers Association, a Florida nonprofit 487 corporation. The Florida State Beekeepers Association may use up 488 to 10 percent of the annual use fees for administrative, 489 promotional, and marketing costs of the license plate. 490 The remaining funds shall be distributed to the 491 Florida State Beekeepers Association and shall be used to raise 492 awareness of the importance of beekeeping to Florida agriculture 493 by funding honeybee research, education, outreach, and 494 husbandry. The Florida State Beekeepers Association board of 495 managers must approve and is accountable for all such 496 expenditures. 497 (83) ROTARY LICENSE PLATES. -498 The department shall develop a Rotary license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear 499

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the colors and design approved by the department. The word

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"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 be used as follows:
- 1. Up to 10 percent may be used for administrative costs and for marketing of the plate.
- 2. Ten percent shall be distributed to Rotary's Camp
  Florida for direct support to all programs and services provided
  to children with special needs 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.
  - (84) BEAT CHILDHOOD CANCER LICENSE PLATES.-
- (a) The department shall develop a Beat Childhood Cancer 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 "Beat Childhood Cancer" must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed to Beat Nb, Inc., which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for administrative costs directly associated with the operation of the corporation and for marketing and promoting the plate. The remaining proceeds shall be used by the

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526 corporation to fund pediatric cancer treatment and research. 527 FLORIDA BAY FOREVER LICENSE PLATES.-528 The department shall develop a Florida Bay Forever 529 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The 530 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the 531 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the 532 plate, and the words "Florida Bay Forever" must appear at the 533 bottom of the plate. 534 The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed to the Florida National Park Association, Inc., 535 536 which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for 537 administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The remainder 538 of the funds shall be used to supplement the Everglades National 539 Park's budgets and to support educational, interpretive, 540 historical, and scientific research relating to the Everglades 541 National Park. 542 (86) BONEFISH AND TARPON TRUST LICENSE PLATES. -543 The department shall develop a Bonefish and Tarpon 544 Trust license plate as provided in this section and s. 545 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the 546

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be distributed to the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust, which may use

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up to 10 percent of the proceeds to promote and market the		
license plate. The remainder of the proceeds shall be used to		
conserve and enhance Florida bonefish and tarpon fisheries and		
their respective environments through stewardship, research,		
education, and advocacy.		
Section 8. 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 proceeds are used in accordance with ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058.
- (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 3 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

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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 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 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 320.08068, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 320.08068 Motorcycle specialty license plates.-
- (4) A license plate annual use fee of \$20 shall be collected for each motorcycle specialty license plate. Annual use fees shall be distributed as follows:
- (b) Twenty percent to <u>Preserve Vision</u> <del>Prevent Blindness</del> Florida.

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Section 10. Section 320.0875, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

320.0875 Purple Heart special motorcycle license plate.

- (1) Upon application to the department and payment of the license tax for the motorcycle as provided in s. 320.08, a resident of the state who owns or leases a motorcycle that is not used for hire or commercial use shall be issued a Purple Heart special motorcycle license plate if he or she provides documentation acceptable to the department that he or she is a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.
- (2) The Purple Heart special motorcycle license plate shall be stamped with the term "Combat-wounded Veteran" followed by the serial number of the license plate. The Purple Heart special motorcycle license plate may have the term "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of 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; Bronze Star 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

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651 prisoners of war; Korean War Veterans; Vietnam War Veterans; 652 Operation Desert Shield Veterans; Operation Desert Storm 653 Veterans; Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; Operation Iraqi 654 Freedom Veterans; Women Veterans; World War II Veterans; and 655 Navy Submariners; special license plates; fee.-656 (1)(a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for 657 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s. 658 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial 659 use, who is a resident of the state and a veteran of the United 660 States Armed Forces, a Woman Veteran, a World War II Veteran, a 661 Navy Submariner, an active or retired member of the Florida 662 National Guard, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a 663 recipient of the Purple Heart medal, a recipient of the Bronze 664 Star, an active or retired member of any branch of the United 665 States Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat 666 Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge, 667 Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or 668 Distinguished Flying Cross, upon application to the department, 669 accompanied by proof of release or discharge from any branch of 670 the United States Armed Forces, proof of active membership or 671 retired status in the Florida National Guard, proof of 672 membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof 673 674 of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, proof of being a Bronze 675 Star recipient, proof of active or retired membership in any

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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, " "Bronze Star, " "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.

Section 12. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

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