

Committee on Transportation

CS/CS/SB 676 — Special and Specialty License Plates

by Appropriations Committee; Transportation Committee; and Senators Baxley, Pizzo, Harrell, Stewart, Berman, and Garcia

The bill provides that the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) may allow the purchaser of a voucher for a specialty license plate that has met its presale requirement but has not been issued, to use the annual fee that was collected towards any other specialty license plate or apply for a refund.

The bill requires the DHSMV to discontinue the existing specialty license plate of an independent college or university which elects to use the standard template specialty license plate.

The bill revises provisions regarding license plate eligibility or uses of annual use fees for the following existing specialty license plates:

- Florida Indian River Lagoon;
- Wildlife Foundation of Florida; and
- Divine Nine.

The bill creates the following specialty license plates and specifies the design and the distribution of the associated annual use fees:

- Florida State Parks;
- Support Healthcare Heroes;
- Biscayne Bay;
- Disease Prevention & Early Detection;
- Honor Flight;
- Protect Marine Wildlife; and
- 30A.com/Scenic Walton.

The bill also creates one new special military plate for recipients of the Army of Occupation Award and revises requirements for the issuance of certain special license plates.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 115-2