

By the Committees on Appropriations; Finance and Taxation; and
Senator Sebesta

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to motor vehicle license
3 plates; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; increasing
4 the amount of revenue deposited into the Grants
5 and Donations Trust Fund from the sale of
6 license plates stamped with the words "National
7 Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor,"
8 "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve";
9 providing for the issuance, without payment of
10 the license tax, of Pearl Harbor Survivor
11 license plates or Purple Heart license plates
12 to certain disabled veterans; amending s.
13 320.08058, F.S.; revising the date after which
14 a newly created collegiate license plate is
15 subject to the requirements of s. 320.08053,
16 F.S.; providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is
21 amended to read:

22 320.089 Members of National Guard and active United
23 States Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war;
24 survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients;
25 special license plates; fee.--

26 (1)(a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck
27 for private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.
28 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial
29 use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired
30 member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack
31 on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, or an

1 active member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces
2 Reserve shall, upon application to the department, accompanied
3 by proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida
4 National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor
5 Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in
6 Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple
7 Heart medal recipient, or proof of active membership in any
8 branch of the Armed Forces Reserve, and upon payment of the
9 license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be
10 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which,
11 in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall
12 be stamped the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor
13 Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve," as
14 appropriate, followed by the serial number of the license
15 plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the words
16 "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of the
17 Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
19 contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 ~~2000-2001~~ and
20 annually thereafter, the first \$100,000 ~~\$50,000~~ in general
21 revenue generated from the sale of license plates issued under
22 this section which are stamped with the words "National
23 Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or
24 "U.S. Reserve" shall be deposited into the Grants and
25 Donations Trust Fund, as described in s. 296.38(2), to be used
26 for the purposes established by law for that trust fund.

27 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the
28 contrary, an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license
29 plate or a Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a
30 disabled veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be
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1 issued the appropriate special license plate without payment
2 of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

3 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile for private
4 use, truck weighing not more than 5,000 pounds, or
5 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
6 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a
7 resident of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or
8 their unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application
9 therefor to the department, be issued a license plate as
10 provided in s. 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the
11 words "Ex-POW" followed by the serial number. Each application
12 shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the
13 qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

14 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a
15 member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed
16 forces of a nation allied with the United States who was held
17 as a prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the
18 United States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried
19 surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate
20 provided for in this subsection without payment of the license
21 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

22 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the
23 consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a
24 member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a
25 United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when
26 the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat,
27 or their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the
28 special license plate provided for in this subsection upon
29 payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

30 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile for private
31 use, truck weighing not more than 5,000 pounds, or

1 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
2 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a
3 resident of this state and who is the unremarried surviving
4 spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon
5 application therefor to the department, with the payment of
6 the required fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s.
7 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Purple
8 Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by
9 the serial number. Each application shall be accompanied by
10 proof that the applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse
11 of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

12 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 320.08058,
13 Florida Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 2001-355,
14 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

15 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

16 (3) COLLEGIATE LICENSE PLATES.--

17 (a) The department shall develop a collegiate license
18 plate as provided in this section for state and independent
19 universities domiciled in this state. However, any collegiate
20 license plate created or established after October 1, 2002,
21 ~~January 1, 1997~~, must comply with the requirements of s.
22 320.08053 and be specifically authorized by an act of the
23 Legislature. Collegiate license plates must bear the colors
24 and design approved by the department as appropriate for each
25 state and independent university. The word "Florida" must be
26 stamped across the bottom of the plate in small letters.

27 (b) A collegiate plate annual use fee is to be
28 distributed to the state or independent university foundation
29 designated by the purchaser for deposit in an unrestricted
30 account. The Board of Regents shall require each state
31 university to submit a plan for approval of the expenditure of

1 all funds so designated. These funds may be used only for
2 academic enhancement, including scholarships and private
3 fundraising activities.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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6 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
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8 CS/SB 568

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9 Provides that the date by which any collegiate license plate
10 created or established after, must comply with the
11 requirements of s. 320.08053 be changed from January 1, 1997
12 to October 1, 2002.

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