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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to limited-issue specialty license plates;
 amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.089, F.S.; creating the
 Firefighter license plate; providing for the distribution
 of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates;
 providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (mm) is added to subsection (4) of
 section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

(mm) Firefighter license plate, \$25.

Section 2. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended
 to read:

320.089 Limited-issue specialty ~~Members of National Guard
 and active United States Armed Forces reservists; former
 prisoners of war; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal
 recipients; special~~ license plates; fee.--

(1) MEMBERS OF NATIONAL GUARD AND ACTIVE UNITED STATES
 ARMED FORCES RESERVISTS; SURVIVORS OF PEARL HARBOR; PURPLE HEART
 MEDAL RECIPIENTS.--

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



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31 active member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces
32 Reserve shall, upon application to the department, accompanied
33 by proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida
34 National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor
35 Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl
36 Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal
37 recipient, or proof of active membership in any branch of the
38 Armed Forces Reserve, and upon payment of the license tax for
39 the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate
40 as provided by s. 320.06, upon which, in lieu of the serial
41 numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words
42 "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded
43 veteran," or "U.S. Reserve," as appropriate, followed by the
44 serial number of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple
45 Heart plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the
46 plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on
47 the plate.

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

57 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary,
58 an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a
59 Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled
60 veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the



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61 appropriate special license plate without payment of the license
62 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

63 (2) FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR.--Each owner or lessee of an
64 automobile or truck for private use, truck weighing not more
65 than 7,999 pounds, or recreational vehicle as specified in s.
66 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial
67 use, who is a resident of the state and who is a former prisoner
68 of war, or their unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon
69 application therefor to the department, be issued a license
70 plate as provided in s. 320.06, on which license plate are
71 stamped the words "Ex-POW" followed by the serial number. Each
72 application shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant
73 meets the qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph
74 (b).

75 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member
76 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of
77 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a
78 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United
79 States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving
80 spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in
81 this subsection without payment of the license tax imposed by s.
82 320.08.

83 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the
84 consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a
85 member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a
86 United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the
87 Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or
88 their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special
89 license plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of
90 the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.



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91 (3) PURPLE HEART MEDAL RECIPIENTS SURVIVING SPOUSES.--Each
 92 owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use, truck
 93 weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or recreational vehicle as
 94 specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire
 95 or commercial use, who is a resident of this state and who is
 96 the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple
 97 Heart medal shall, upon application therefor to the department,
 98 with the payment of the required fees, be issued a license plate
 99 as provided in s. 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the
 100 words "Purple Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal
 101 followed by the serial number. Each application shall be
 102 accompanied by proof that the applicant is the unremarried
 103 surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

104 (4) FIREFIGHTERS.--Each owner or lessee of an automobile
 105 or truck for private use or recreational vehicle as specified in
 106 s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial
 107 use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired
 108 firefighter, the spouse of such firefighter, or the unremarried
 109 surviving spouse of a firefighter shall, upon application to the
 110 department and upon payment of the applicable license taxes and
 111 use fees, be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06.
 112 Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the
 113 applicant is an active or retired firefighter, the spouse of
 114 such firefighter, or the unremarried surviving spouse of a
 115 firefighter, including, but not limited to, a current
 116 identification and badge or a letter from the firefighters'
 117 association of which the firefighter is or was a member.

118 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
 119 department shall develop a Firefighter license plate as provided
 120 in this subsection. Firefighter license plates must bear the



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121 colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida"
122 must appear at the top of the plate and the word "Firefighter"
123 must appear at the bottom of the plate.

124 (b) The proceeds of the annual use fee shall be
125 distributed equally to Shands Burn Center at the University of
126 Florida in Alachua County, Orlando Regional Medical Center Burn
127 Unit in Orange County, University of Miami-Jackson Memorial Burn
128 Center in Miami-Dade County, and Tampa General Hospital Regional
129 Burn Center in Hillsborough County. The funds shall be used
130 specifically for the burn center or unit at each of those health
131 care facilities.

132 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.