

Bill No. SB 1954

Amendment No. 1 Barcode 894424

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The Committee on Transportation recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 320.0891, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

320.0891 U.S. Paratroopers license plate.--

(1) The department shall develop a U.S. Paratroopers license plate as provided in this section. The U.S. Paratroopers license 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 "U.S. Paratroopers" must appear at the bottom of the plate. The Airborne Wings and Glider Wings logo must appear in black on the left side of the plate, centered from top to bottom. The plate must have a white background with red and blue letters or numbers.

(2) U.S. Paratroopers license plates may only be purchased by current or former United States military

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1 personnel who, as part of their military duty, have been
2 trained to jump from flying aircraft.

3 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
4 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 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 this state and who meets the qualifications
8 contained in subsection (2) shall, upon application therefor
9 to the department, with the payment of the taxes and fees
10 described in subsection (5), be issued a U.S. Paratroopers
11 license plate. Each application must be accompanied by proof
12 that the applicant has been decorated as a parachutist or has
13 completed the U.S. Army Jump School.

14 (4) The department is responsible for developing the
15 license plate authorized in this section. The department shall
16 begin production and distribution within one year.

17 (5) Each request must be made annually to the
18 department, accompanied by the following tax and fees:

19 (a) The license tax required for the vehicle as set
20 forth in s. 320.08.

21 (b) A processing fee of \$2.

22 (c) A license plate fee as required under s.
23 320.06(1)(b).

24 (d) A license plate annual use fee of \$20.

25 (6) The department shall retain all annual use fee
26 revenues from the sale of the U.S. Paratroopers license plates
27 until all startup costs for developing and issuing the plates
28 are recovered, not to exceed \$60,000. Thereafter, the annual
29 use fee revenues shall be distributed to the State Homes for
30 Veterans Trust Fund.

31 Section 2. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is

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1 amended to read:

2 320.089 Limited-issue specialty ~~Members of National~~
3 ~~Guard and active United States Armed Forces reservists; former~~
4 ~~prisoners of war; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart~~
5 ~~medal recipients; special license plates; fee.--~~

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

9 (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
10 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.
11 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial
12 use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired
13 member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack
14 on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, or an
15 active member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces
16 Reserve shall, upon application to the department, accompanied
17 by proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida
18 National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor
19 Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in
20 Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple
21 Heart medal recipient, or proof of active membership in any
22 branch of the Armed Forces Reserve, and upon payment of the
23 license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be
24 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which,
25 in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall
26 be stamped the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor
27 Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve," as
28 appropriate, followed by the serial number of the license
29 plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the words
30 "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of the
31 Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

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

10 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the
11 contrary, an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license
12 plate or a Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a
13 disabled veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be
14 issued the appropriate special license plate without payment
15 of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

16 (2) FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR.--Each owner or lessee of
17 an automobile or truck for private use, truck weighing not
18 more than 7,999 pounds, or recreational vehicle as specified
19 in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or
20 commercial use, who is a resident of the state and who is a
21 former prisoner of war, or their unremarried surviving spouse,
22 shall, upon application therefor to the department, be issued
23 a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on which license
24 plate are stamped the words "Ex-POW" followed by the serial
25 number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that
26 the applicant meets the qualifications specified in paragraph
27 (a) or paragraph (b).

28 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a
29 member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed
30 forces of a nation allied with the United States who was held
31 as a prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the

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1 United States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried
2 surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate
3 provided for in this subsection without payment of the license
4 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

5 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the
6 consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a
7 member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a
8 United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when
9 the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat,
10 or their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the
11 special license plate provided for in this subsection upon
12 payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

13 (3) PURPLE HEART MEDAL RECIPIENTS SURVIVING
14 SPOUSES.--Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
15 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or
16 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
17 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a
18 resident of this state and who is the unremarried surviving
19 spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon
20 application therefor to the department, with the payment of
21 the required fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s.
22 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Purple
23 Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by
24 the serial number. Each application shall be accompanied by
25 proof that the applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse
26 of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

27 (4) VALOR DECORATION.--Each owner or lessee of an
28 automobile or truck for private use or recreational vehicle as
29 specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for
30 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and the
31 recipient of a military decoration for valor shall, upon

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1 application to the department and upon payment of the
2 applicable license taxes and a \$20 use fee, be issued a
3 license plate as provided by s. 320.06. Each application shall
4 be accompanied by a written military order or other official
5 document that proves that the applicant is the recipient of a
6 military decoration for valor.

7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
8 department shall develop a Valor license plate as provided in
9 this subsection. Valor license plates must bear the colors and
10 design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must
11 appear at the top of the plate and the word "Valor" must
12 appear at the bottom of the plate.

13 (b) The proceeds of the annual use fee shall be
14 deposited in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund and used as
15 provided in s. 296.38.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

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19 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

20 And the title is amended as follows:

21 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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23 and insert:

24 A bill to be entitled
25 An act relating to specialty license plates;
26 creating s. 320.0891, F.S.; creating the U.S.
27 Paratroopers license plate; restricting
28 eligibility to purchase such plates; amending
29 s. 320.089, F.S.; creating the Valor license
30 plate; providing for the distribution of annual
31 use fees received from the sale of such plates;

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