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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

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 and annually
20 thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated
21 from the sale of license plates issued under this section
22 which are stamped with the words "National Guard," "Pearl
23 Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve"
24 shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund,
25 as described in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes
26 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) FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR.--Each owner or lessee of
4 an automobile or truck for private use, truck weighing not
5 more than 7,999 pounds, or recreational vehicle as specified
6 in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or
7 commercial use, who is a resident of the state and who is a
8 former prisoner of war, or their unremarried surviving spouse,
9 shall, upon application therefor to the department, be issued
10 a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on which license
11 plate are stamped the words "Ex-POW" followed by the serial
12 number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that
13 the applicant meets the qualifications specified in paragraph
14 (a) or paragraph (b).

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

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

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1 (3) PURPLE HEART MEDAL RECIPIENTS SURVIVING
2 SPOUSES.--Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
3 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or
4 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
5 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a
6 resident of this state and who is the unremarried surviving
7 spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon
8 application therefor to the department, with the payment of
9 the required fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s.
10 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Purple
11 Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by
12 the serial number. Each application shall be accompanied by
13 proof that the applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse
14 of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

15 (4) FIREFIGHTERS.--Each owner or lessee of an
16 automobile or truck for private use or recreational vehicle as
17 specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for
18 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and an
19 active or retired firefighter, the spouse of such firefighter,
20 or the unremarried surviving spouse of a firefighter shall,
21 upon application to the department and upon payment of the
22 applicable license taxes and use fees, be issued a license
23 plate as provided by s. 320.06. Each application shall be
24 accompanied by proof that the applicant is an active or
25 retired firefighter, the spouse of such firefighter, or the
26 unremarried surviving spouse of a firefighter, including, but
27 not limited to, a current identification and badge or a letter
28 from the firefighters' association of which the firefighter is
29 or was a member.

30 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
31 department shall develop a Firefighter license plate as

1 provided in this subsection. Firefighter license plates must
2 bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
3 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate and the
4 word "Firefighter" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

5 (b) The proceeds of the annual use fee shall be
6 distributed equally to Shands Burn Center at the University of
7 Florida in Alachua County, Orlando Regional Medical Center
8 Burn Unit in Orange County, University of Miami-Jackson
9 Memorial Burn Center in Miami-Dade County, and Tampa General
10 Hospital Regional Burn Center in Hillsborough County. The
11 funds shall be used specifically for the burn center or unit
12 at each of those health care facilities.

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