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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to license plates; providing legislative intent to require display of front and rear license plates; amending ss. 316.605 and 320.06, F.S.; revising provisions for display of such plates; amending s. 320.0802, F.S.; providing surcharge on license tax; providing for distribution of funds; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; revising the educational license plate use fee; providing a use fee; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; creating the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute license plate; providing for distribution of funds to that institute; providing for construction of the act in pari materia with laws enacted during the Regular Session of the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that all automobiles, trucks, motor vehicles for hire, and recreational motor vehicles have an identifiable license plate on both the front and rear of the vehicle to improve public safety.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 316.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.605 Licensing of vehicles.--

(1) Every vehicle, at all times while driven, stopped, or parked upon any highways, roads, or streets of this state, shall be licensed in the name of the owner thereof in accordance with the laws of this state unless such vehicle is not required by the laws of this state to be licensed in this state and shall, except as otherwise provided in s. 320.0706 for front-end

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registration license plates on truck tractors, display the license plate or both of the license plates assigned to it by the state, one on the rear and, if two, the other on the front of the vehicle, each to be securely fastened to the vehicle outside the main body of the vehicle in such manner as to prevent the plates from swinging, with all letters, numerals, printing, writing, and other identification marks upon the plates clear and distinct and free from defacement, mutilation, grease, and other obscuring matter, so that they will be plainly visible and legible at all times 100 feet from the rear or front. Nothing shall be placed upon the face of a Florida plate except as permitted by law or by rule or regulation of a governmental agency. No license plates other than those furnished by the state shall be used. However, if the vehicle is not required to be licensed in this state, the license plates on such vehicle issued by another state, by a territory, possession, or district of the United States, or by a foreign country, substantially complying with the provisions hereof, shall be considered as complying with this chapter. A violation of this subsection is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 320.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and validation stickers generally.--

(1)(a) Upon the receipt of an initial application for registration and payment of the appropriate license tax and other fees required by law, the department shall assign to the motor vehicle a registration license number consisting of letters and numerals or numerals and issue to the owner or

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lessee a certificate of registration and \underline{two} one registration license plate, unless two plates are required for display by s. 320.0706, for each vehicle so registered.

Section 4. Section 320.0802, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.0802 Surcharge on license tax. --

- (1) In addition to any other surcharge imposed under subsections (2)-(5), there is hereby levied and imposed on each license tax imposed under s. 320.08, except those set forth in s. 320.08(11), a surcharge in the amount of \$1, which shall be collected in the same manner as the license tax and deposited into the State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust Fund of the Department of Management Services.
- (2) From July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004, there is levied on each license tax imposed under s. 320.08(2), (3), (4)(a)-(f), (6), and (9), except those set forth in s. 320.08(2)(a), (3)(d), and (3)(e), a surcharge in the amount of \$20, which shall be collected in the same manner as the license tax.
- (3) From July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005, there is levied on each license tax imposed under s. 320.08(2), (3), (4)(a)-(f), (6), and (9), except those set forth in s. 320.08(2)(a), (3)(d), and (3)(e), a surcharge in the amount of \$10, which shall be collected in the same manner as the license tax.
- (4) Beginning July 1, 2005, there is levied on each license tax imposed under s. 320.08(2), (3), (4)(a)-(f), (6), and (9), except those set forth in s. 320.08(2)(a), (3)(d), and (3)(e), a surcharge in the amount of \$5, which shall be collected in the same manner as the license tax.
- (5) For license taxes imposed under s. 320.08(2)(a), (3)(d), and (3)(e), a surcharge in the amount of:



91	HB 0089A 2003 (a) Five dollars shall be levied from July 1, 2003, to
92	June 30, 2004.
93	(b) Two dollars and fifty cents shall be levied beginning
94	July 1, 2004.
95	(6) Of the proceeds of the license tax surcharge under
96	subsections (2)-(5), less \$1.50 for each license, 50 percent
97	shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund and 50 percent
98	shall be deposited into the Principal State School Trust Fund.
99	Section 5. Paragraph (h) of subsection (4) of section
100	320.08056, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (mm) is
101	added to said subsection, to read:
102	320.08056 Specialty license plates
103	(4) The following license plate annual use fees shall be
104	collected for the appropriate specialty license plates:
105	(h) Florida educational license plate, \$20 \$15.
106	(mm) H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute
107	license plate, \$25.
108	Section 6. Subsection (39) is added to section 320.08058,
109	Florida Statutes, to read:
110	320.08058 Specialty license plates
111	(39) H. LEE MOFFITT CANCER CENTER AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE
112	LICENSE PLATES
113	(a) The department shall develop an H. Lee Moffitt Cancer
114	Center and Research Institute license plate as provided in this
115	section. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate,
116	and the words "Moffitt Cancer Center" must appear at the bottom
117	of the plate.
118	(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the H. Lee

Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute.



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	Section 7.	<u>If any</u>	law amer	nded by t	his act	was also	amended	
by a	law enacted	at the	2003 Reg	gular Ses	sion of	the Legis	slature,	
such	laws shall l	oe cons	trued as	if they	had beer	n enacted	at the	
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Section 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.