

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to license plates; amending s.  
3           320.08056, F.S.; discontinuing the annual use  
4           fee for the Girl Scout license plate;  
5           increasing the annual use fee for the Sea  
6           Turtle license plate; increasing the annual use  
7           fee for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches  
8           license plate; establishing annual use fees for  
9           the Florida NASCAR license plate, the  
10          Corrections Foundation license plate, the  
11          Protect Florida Springs license plate, the  
12          Trees Are Cool license plate, and the Support  
13          Our Troops license plate; authorizing the  
14          placement of a sponsoring organization's  
15          Internet domain name on a specialty license  
16          plate; prohibiting annual use fees from the  
17          sale of specialty license plates, or the  
18          interest earned thereon, from being used for  
19          the purpose of marketing to, or lobbying,  
20          entertaining, or rewarding, an employee of a  
21          governmental agency that is responsible for the  
22          sale and distribution of specialty license  
23          plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.;  
24          authorizing the use of a specified percentage  
25          of the proceeds from the sale of the Florida  
26          Educational license plate for marketing and  
27          promotion expenses; authorizing the use of  
28          certain proceeds from the sale of the Florida  
29          Agricultural license plate for promotion,  
30          marketing, and administrative costs and for  
31          Florida agriculture in the classroom programs;

1 deleting provisions establishing the Girl Scout  
2 license plate; revising provisions relating to  
3 the Florida Wildflower license plate; creating  
4 the Florida NASCAR license plate; providing for  
5 the distribution of use fees received from the  
6 sale of such plate to the Florida Sports  
7 Foundation, the National Association for Stock  
8 Car Auto Racing, and the NASCAR Foundation;  
9 requiring the Florida Sports Association to  
10 provide for an annual audit to be submitted to  
11 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
12 Development for certification to the Auditor  
13 General; creating the Corrections Foundation  
14 license plate; providing for the distribution  
15 of annual use fees received from the sale of  
16 such plate to a direct-support organization;  
17 creating the Protect Florida Springs license  
18 plate; providing for the annual use fees from  
19 the sale of such plate to be distributed to the  
20 Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.; creating  
21 a Trees Are Cool license plate; providing for  
22 the distribution of annual use fees received  
23 from the sale of such plate; creating the  
24 Support Our Troops license plate; providing for  
25 the design of the plates; providing for the  
26 distribution of annual use fees received from  
27 the sale of such plates; providing for  
28 construction of the act; repealing s.  
29 320.0848(2)(c), F.S., relating to an  
30 administrative processing fee imposed upon  
31 issuance of a disabled parking permit; creating

1 s. 320.0894, F.S.; directing the Department of  
2 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop  
3 and issue a Gold Star license plate honoring  
4 the family members of servicemembers who have  
5 been killed while serving in the Armed Forces  
6 of the United States; providing for design of  
7 the plate; providing eligibility requirements;  
8 providing for payment of certain taxes and  
9 fees; providing effective dates.  
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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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13 Section 1. Subsections (4) and (6) of section  
14 320.08056, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (11)  
15 and (12) are added to that section, to read:

16 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

19 (a) Manatee license plate, \$20.

20 (b) Challenger/Columbia license plate, \$25, except  
21 that a person that purchases 1,000 or more of such license  
22 plates shall pay an annual use fee of \$15 per plate.

23 (c) Collegiate license plate, \$25.

24 (d) Florida Salutes Veterans license plate, \$15.

25 (e) Florida panther license plate, \$25.

26 (f) Florida United States Olympic Committee license  
27 plate, \$15.

28 (g) Florida Special Olympics license plate, \$15.

29 (h) Florida educational license plate, \$20.

30 (i) Florida Professional Sports Team license plate,  
31 \$25.

- 1 (j) Florida Indian River Lagoon license plate, \$15.
- 2 (k) Invest in Children license plate, \$20.
- 3 (l) Florida arts license plate, \$20.
- 4 (m) Bethune-Cookman College license plate, \$25.
- 5 (n) Florida Agricultural license plate, \$20.
- 6 ~~(o) Girl Scout license plate, \$20.~~
- 7 (o)~~(p)~~ Police Athletic League license plate, \$20.
- 8 (p)~~(q)~~ Boy Scouts of America license plate, \$20.
- 9 (q)~~(r)~~ Largemouth Bass license plate, \$25.
- 10 (r)~~(s)~~ Sea Turtle license plate, ~~\$23~~\$17.50.
- 11 (s)~~(t)~~ Protect Wild Dolphins license plate, \$20.
- 12 (t)~~(u)~~ Barry University license plate, \$25.
- 13 (u)~~(v)~~ Everglades River of Grass license plate, \$20.
- 14 (v)~~(w)~~ Keep Kids Drug-Free license plate, \$25.
- 15 (w)~~(x)~~ Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches license plate,
- 16 ~~\$25~~\$20.
- 17 (x)~~(y)~~ Conserve Wildlife license plate, \$15.
- 18 (y)~~(z)~~ Florida Memorial University license plate, \$25.
- 19 (z)~~(aa)~~ Tampa Bay Estuary license plate, \$15.
- 20 (aa)~~(bb)~~ Florida Wildflower license plate, \$15.
- 21 (bb)~~(cc)~~ United States Marine Corps license plate,
- 22 \$15.
- 23 (cc)~~(dd)~~ Choose Life license plate, \$20.
- 24 (dd)~~(ee)~~ Share the Road license plate, \$15.
- 25 (ee)~~(ff)~~ American Red Cross license plate, \$25.
- 26 (ff)~~(gg)~~ United We Stand license plate, \$25.
- 27 (gg)~~(hh)~~ Breast Cancer Research license plate, \$25.
- 28 (hh)~~(ii)~~ Protect Florida Whales license plate, \$25.
- 29 (ii)~~(jj)~~ Florida Golf license plate, \$25.
- 30 (jj)~~(kk)~~ Florida Firefighters license plate, \$20.
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1        ~~(kk)~~(ll) Police Benevolent Association license plate,  
2        \$20.

3        ~~(ll)~~(mm) Military Services license plate, \$15.

4        ~~(mm)~~(nn) Protect Our Reefs license plate, \$25.

5        ~~(nn)~~(oo) Fish Florida license plate, \$22.

6        ~~(oo)~~(pp) Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention  
7 license plate, \$25.

8        ~~(pp)~~(qq) Hospice license plate, \$25.

9        ~~(qq)~~(rr) Stop Heart Disease license plate, \$25.

10       ~~(rr)~~(ss) Save Our Seas license plate, \$25, except that  
11 for an owner purchasing the specialty license plate for more  
12 than 10 vehicles registered to that owner, the annual use fee  
13 shall be \$10 per plate.

14       ~~(ss)~~(tt) Aquaculture license plate, \$25, except that  
15 for an owner purchasing the specialty license plate for more  
16 than 10 vehicles registered to that owner, the annual use fee  
17 shall be \$10 per plate.

18       ~~(tt)~~(uu) Family First license plate, \$25.

19       ~~(uu)~~(vv) Sportsmen's National Land Trust license  
20 plates, \$25.

21       ~~(vv)~~(ww) Live the Dream license plate, \$25.

22       ~~(ww)~~(xx) Florida Food Banks license plate, \$25.

23       ~~(xx)~~(yy) Discover Florida's Oceans license plate, \$25.

24       ~~(yy)~~(zz) Family Values license plate, \$25.

25       ~~(zz)~~(aaa) Parents Make A Difference license plate,  
26 \$25.

27       ~~(aaa)~~(bbb) Support Soccer license plate, \$25.

28       ~~(bbb)~~(ccc) Kids Deserve Justice license plate, \$25.

29       ~~(ccc)~~(ddd) Animal Friend license plate, \$25.

30       ~~(ddd)~~(eee) Future Farmers of America license plate,  
31 \$25.

1        ~~(eee)(fff)~~ Donate Organs-Pass It On license plate,  
2 \$25.  
3        ~~(fff)(ggg)~~ A State of Vision license plate, \$25.  
4        ~~(ggg)(hhh)~~ Homeownership For All license plate, \$25.  
5        (hhh) Florida NASCAR license plate, \$25.  
6        (iii) Corrections Foundation license plate, \$25.  
7        (jjj) Protect Florida Springs license plate, \$25.  
8        (kkk) Trees Are Cool license plate, \$25.  
9        (lll) Support Our Troops license plate, \$25.  
10       (6) Specialty license plates must bear the design  
11 required by law for the appropriate specialty license plate,  
12 and the designs and colors must conform to the department's  
13 design specifications. In addition to a design, the specialty  
14 license plates may bear the imprint of numerals from 1 to 999,  
15 inclusive, capital letters "A" through "Z," or a combination  
16 thereof. The department shall determine the maximum number of  
17 characters, including both numerals and letters. All specialty  
18 license plates must be otherwise of the same material and size  
19 as standard license plates issued for any registration period.  
20 A specialty license plate may bear an appropriate slogan,  
21 emblem, or logo in a size and placement that conforms to the  
22 department's design specifications. The sponsoring  
23 organization's Internet domain name may appear on the plate.  
24        (11) The annual use fee from the sale of specialty  
25 license plates, the interest earned from those fees, or any  
26 fees received by an agency as a result of the sale of  
27 specialty license plates may not be used for the purpose of  
28 marketing to, or lobbying, entertaining, or rewarding, an  
29 employee of a governmental agency that is responsible for the  
30 sale and distribution of specialty license plates.  
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1           (12) The application form for a specialty license  
 2 plate shall provide the applicant the option to instruct the  
 3 department to provide his or her name, address, and renewal  
 4 date to the sponsoring organization.

5           Section 2. Subsections (8), (14), (15), and (28) of  
 6 section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, are amended, and  
 7 subsections (61), (62), (63), (64), and (65) are added to that  
 8 section, to read:

9           320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

10          (8) FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL LICENSE PLATES.--

11          (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
 12 Vehicles shall develop a Florida educational license plate as  
 13 provided in this section. Florida educational license plates  
 14 must bear a design and colors that the department approves.  
 15 The word "Florida" must appear in small letters at the top of  
 16 the plate.

17          (b) The license annual use fees are to be distributed  
 18 annually as follows:

19           1. Up to 10 percent of the moneys raised from the sale  
 20 of the plates may be used for continuing marketing and  
 21 promotion of the plates.

22           ~~2.1.~~ In each school district that has a district  
 23 prekindergarten through grade 12 public school foundation or a  
 24 direct-support organization, the moneys raised in that school  
 25 district through the sale of Florida educational license  
 26 plates must be distributed to the foundation or organization  
 27 for enhancing educational programs.

28           ~~3.2.~~ In each school district that does not have a  
 29 district prekindergarten through grade 12 public school  
 30 foundation or a direct-support organization, the moneys raised  
 31 in that school district through the sale of Florida

1 educational license plates must be distributed to the district  
 2 school board and must be used at the discretion of the board  
 3 for enhancing educational programs.

4 (14) FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL LICENSE PLATES.--

5 (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
 6 Vehicles shall develop a Florida Agricultural license plate.  
 7 Florida Agricultural license plates must bear the colors and  
 8 design approved by the department. The word "Agriculture"  
 9 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Keeps  
 10 Florida Green" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

11 (b) The proceeds of the Florida Agricultural license  
 12 plate annual use fee must be forwarded to the direct-support  
 13 organization created in s. 570.903. The funds must be used for  
 14 the sole purpose of funding and promoting the Florida  
 15 agriculture in the classroom program established within the  
 16 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to s.  
 17 570.91.

18 (c) Up to 25 percent of the funds distributed under  
 19 paragraphs (a) and (b) may be used for promotion, marketing,  
 20 and administrative costs directly associated with the license  
 21 plate and Florida agriculture in the classroom programs.

22 ~~(15) GIRL SCOUT LICENSE PLATES.—~~

23 ~~(a) The department shall develop a Girl Scout license~~  
 24 ~~plate as provided in this section to commemorate the Girl~~  
 25 ~~Scout councils in this state. The word "Florida" must appear~~  
 26 ~~at the top of the plate, and the words "For Her Future" must~~  
 27 ~~appear at the bottom of the plate.~~

28 ~~(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the~~  
 29 ~~Citrus Council of Girl Scouts, Inc., which shall distribute~~  
 30 ~~funds to the following Girl Scout councils equal to the annual~~  
 31 ~~use fees received from counties served by each council:~~



- 1 ~~1. Citrus Council of Girl Scouts, Inc.~~
- 2 ~~2. Gateway Girl Scout Council, Inc.~~
- 3 ~~3. Girl Scouts of Broward County, Inc.~~
- 4 ~~4. Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida, Inc.~~
- 5 ~~5. Heart of Florida Girl Scout Council, Inc.~~
- 6 ~~6. Palm Glades Girl Scout Council, Inc.~~
- 7 ~~7. Suncoast Girl Scout Council, Inc.~~

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9 ~~Funds collected in counties not served by one of the above~~  
 10 ~~councils shall be used by the Citrus Council of Girl Scouts,~~  
 11 ~~Inc., to reimburse expenditures made on behalf of other~~  
 12 ~~councils to comply with s. 320.08053. Once those expenditures~~  
 13 ~~have been reimbursed, the funds shall be distributed to the~~  
 14 ~~Girl Scout councils serving those counties in the same manner~~  
 15 ~~as funds are distributed to the listed councils.~~

16 (28) FLORIDA WILDFLOWER LICENSE PLATES.--

17 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Wildflower  
 18 license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"  
 19 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "State  
 20 Wildflower" and "coreopsis" must appear at the bottom of the  
 21 plate.

22 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the  
 23 Florida Wildflower Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation  
 24 under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code Account  
 25 ~~established by Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc., created by s.~~  
 26 ~~403.4131.~~ The proceeds must be used to establish native  
 27 Florida wildflower research programs, wildflower educational  
 28 programs, and wildflower grant programs to municipal, county,  
 29 and community-based groups in this state:

- 30 1. The foundation shall develop operation procedures,  
 31 research contracts, education and marketing programs, and

1 wildflower-planting grants for Florida native wildflowers,  
2 plants, and grasses.

3 2. A maximum of ~~15~~ 10 percent of the proceeds from the  
4 sale of such plates may be used by the foundation for  
5 administrative costs and marketing costs.

6 3. If the foundation ceases to be an active nonprofit  
7 corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,  
8 any unexpended use fees held by the foundation must be  
9 promptly transferred to the General Inspection Trust Fund  
10 within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and  
11 all future fees collected shall be deposited to the same trust  
12 fund in the department. The department shall use and  
13 administer the proceeds from the annual use fee in the manner  
14 specified in this paragraph.

15 (61) FLORIDA NASCAR LICENSE PLATES.--

16 (a) The department shall develop a Florida NASCAR  
17 license plate as provided in this section. Florida NASCAR  
18 license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the  
19 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
20 plate, and the term "NASCAR" must appear at the bottom of the  
21 plate. The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing,  
22 following consultation with the Florida Sports Foundation, may  
23 submit a sample plate for consideration by the department.

24 (b) The license plate annual use fees shall be  
25 distributed to the Florida Sports Foundation, a direct-support  
26 organization of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
27 Development. The license plate annual use fees shall be  
28 annually allocated as follows:

29 1. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds from the annual use  
30 fees may be used by the Florida Sports Foundation for the  
31 administration of the NASCAR license plate program.

1           2. The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing  
2 shall receive up to \$60,000 in proceeds from the annual use  
3 fees to be used to pay startup costs, including costs incurred  
4 in developing and issuing the plates. Thereafter, 10 percent  
5 of the proceeds from the annual use fees shall be provided to  
6 the association for the royalty rights for the use of its  
7 marks.

8           3. The remaining proceeds from the annual use fees  
9 shall be distributed to the Florida Sports Foundation. The  
10 Florida Sports Foundation will retain 15 percent to support  
11 its regional grant program, attracting sporting events to  
12 Florida; 20 percent to support the marketing of  
13 motorsports-related tourism in the state; and 50 percent to be  
14 paid to the NASCAR Foundation, a s. 501(c)(3) charitable  
15 organization, to support Florida-based charitable  
16 organizations.

17           (c) The Florida Sports Foundation shall provide an  
18 annual financial audit in accordance with s. 215.981 of its  
19 financial accounts and records by an independent certified  
20 public accountant pursuant to the contract established by the  
21 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development as  
22 specified in s. 288.1229(5). The auditor shall submit the  
23 audit report to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
24 Development for review and approval. If the audit report is  
25 approved, the office shall certify the audit report to the  
26 Auditor General for review.

27           (62) CORRECTIONS FOUNDATION LICENSE PLATES.--

28           (a) The department shall develop a Corrections  
29 Foundation license plate as provided in this section. The word  
30 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, the words  
31 "Corrections Foundation" must appear at the bottom of the

1 plate, and the Corrections Foundation logo must appear to the  
2 left of the numerals.

3 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to  
4 Corrections Foundation, Inc., a direct-support organization  
5 created pursuant to s. 944.802, and shall be used to continue  
6 and expand the charitable work of the foundation, as provided  
7 in s. 944.802 and the articles of incorporation of the  
8 foundation.

9 (63) PROTECT FLORIDA SPRINGS LICENSE PLATES.--

10 (a) The department shall develop a Protect Florida  
11 Springs license plate as provided in this section. The word  
12 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words  
13 "Protect Florida Springs" must appear at the bottom of the  
14 plate.

15 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the  
16 Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc., a citizen-support  
17 organization created pursuant to s. 372.0215, which shall  
18 administer the fees as follows:

19 1. Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc., shall retain  
20 the first \$60,000 of the annual use fees as direct  
21 reimbursement for administrative costs, startup costs, and  
22 costs incurred in the development and approval process.

23 2. Thereafter, a maximum of 10 percent of the fees may  
24 be used for administrative costs directly associated with  
25 education programs, conservation, springs research, and grant  
26 administration of the foundation. A maximum of 15 percent of  
27 the fees may be used for continuing promotion and marketing of  
28 the license plate.

29 3. At least 55 percent of the fees shall be available  
30 for competitive grants for targeted community-based springs  
31 research not currently available for state funding. The

1 remaining 20 percent shall be directed toward community  
2 outreach programs aimed at implementing such research  
3 findings. The competitive grants shall be administered and  
4 approved by the board of directors of the Wildlife Foundation  
5 of Florida. The granting advisory committee shall be composed  
6 of nine members, including one representative from the Fish  
7 and Wildlife Conservation Commission, one representative from  
8 the Department of Environmental Protection, one representative  
9 from the Department of Health, one representative from the  
10 Department of Community Affairs, three citizen  
11 representatives, and two representatives from nonprofit  
12 stakeholder groups.

13 4. The remaining funds shall be distributed with the  
14 approval of and accountability to the board of directors of  
15 the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, and shall be used to  
16 support activities contributing to education, outreach, and  
17 springs conservation.

18 (64) TREES ARE COOL LICENSE PLATES.--

19 (a) The department shall develop a Trees Are Cool  
20 license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"  
21 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Trees Are  
22 Cool" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

23 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the  
24 Florida Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture,  
25 Inc., which shall retain the initial revenues from the sale of  
26 such plates until all startup costs for developing and  
27 establishing the plate have been recovered not to exceed  
28 \$60,000. Thereafter, the proceeds of the annual use fee shall  
29 be used in the following manner:

30 1. Twenty percent of the funds may be used by the  
31 Florida Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture,

1 Inc., for continuing promotion and marketing of the license  
2 plate and concept. Five percent of the funds received by the  
3 Florida Society of Arboriculture, Inc., may be used for  
4 administrative costs directly associated with the operations  
5 of the Florida Chapter of the International Society of  
6 Arboriculture, Inc., with respect to the management of the  
7 Trees Are Cool license plate program.

8 2. Seventy-five percent of the funds must be used to  
9 fulfill the mission of the Florida Chapter of the  
10 International Society of Arboriculture, Inc., which is to  
11 provide education and training statewide with respect to tree  
12 care and tree safety.

13 (65) SUPPORT OUR TROOPS LICENSE PLATES.--

14 (a) The department shall develop a Support Our Troops  
15 license plate as provided in this section. The plate must bear  
16 the colors and design approved by the department and must  
17 contain the "Support Our Troops" mark of Support Our Troops,  
18 Inc. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate  
19 and the words "Support Our Troops" must appear at the bottom  
20 of the plate. The field of the plate may be colored.

21 (b) The annual use fees from the plate shall be  
22 distributed to Support Our Troops, Inc., to be used for the  
23 benefit of Florida troops and their families in accordance  
24 with its articles of incorporation. Support Our Troops, Inc.,  
25 shall receive the first \$60,000 of the use fees to offset  
26 startup costs for developing and establishing the plate.  
27 Thereafter, the department shall distribute the annual use  
28 fees as follows:

29 1. Twenty-five percent shall be distributed to Support  
30 Our Troops, Inc., to offset marketing, administration, and  
31 promotion costs.

1           2. Of the remaining 75 percent, 65 percent shall be  
2 distributed to Support Our Troops, Inc., and 35 percent shall  
3 be distributed to the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund  
4 within the Department of Veterans' Affairs State Homes.

5           Section 3. Effective July 1, 2007, paragraph (c) of  
6 subsection (2) of section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, is  
7 repealed.

8           Section 4. Section 320.0894, Florida Statutes, is  
9 created to read:

10           320.0894 Motor vehicle license plates to Gold Star  
11 family members.--The department shall develop a special  
12 license plate honoring the family members of servicemembers  
13 who have been killed while serving in the Armed Forces of the  
14 United States. The license plate shall be officially  
15 designated as the Gold Star license plate and shall be  
16 developed and issued as provided in this section.

17           (1) The Gold Star license plate must bear the colors  
18 and design approved by the department in cooperation with  
19 supporters of the license plate. The word "Florida" must  
20 appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Gold Star  
21 Family" must appear at the bottom of the plate. The plate  
22 shall bear a unique design that includes the symbol for a  
23 fallen servicemember, a gold star with blue fringe on a white  
24 background with a red border. The symbol shall be no larger  
25 than 3 inches by 3 inches and shall be placed in a conspicuous  
26 place to the left of the identifying number of the plate,  
27 which identifying number shall consist of no more than six  
28 alphanumeric characters.

29           (2) This section shall not be implemented until such  
30 time as the state has, through a licensing agreement or  
31 otherwise, received such license or other permission as may be

1 required to implement this section. The designs of the initial  
2 and subsequent editions of the Gold Star license plate, except  
3 any part of the designs owned by others and licensed to the  
4 state, shall be owned solely by the state for its exclusive  
5 use and control, except as authorized by the department. The  
6 department may take such steps as may be necessary to give  
7 notice of and protect such right, including the copyright or  
8 copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of the  
9 ownership and exclusive use and control established by this  
10 subsection as a matter of law, and no person shall reproduce  
11 or otherwise use such designs except as authorized by the  
12 department.

13 (3)(a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck  
14 for private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
15 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
16 which automobile, truck, or vehicle is not used for hire or  
17 commercial use, who is a resident of this state, and who meets  
18 the qualifications provided in subsection (4) shall, upon  
19 application therefor to the department and payment of the  
20 license tax and appropriate fees established in this chapter,  
21 be issued a Gold Star license plate. Each initial application  
22 for a Gold Star license plate must be accompanied by proof  
23 that the applicant meets the requirements provided in  
24 subsection (4).

25 (b) The surviving spouse and a surviving parent  
26 meeting the requirements in subsection (4) shall each, upon  
27 application therefor, be issued the Gold Star license plate  
28 for one vehicle per household free of charge. Renewal decals  
29 for the plate issued under this paragraph shall be issued at  
30 no cost.

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1           (4)(a)1. The Gold Star license plate shall be issued  
2 only to family members of a servicemember who resided in  
3 Florida at the time of the death of the servicemember.

4           2. To qualify for issuance of a Gold Star license  
5 plate, the applicant must be directly related to a fallen  
6 servicemember as spouse, legal mother or father, or stepparent  
7 who is currently married to the mother or father of the fallen  
8 servicemember.

9           3. A servicemember is deemed to have been killed while  
10 in service as listed by the United States Department of  
11 Defense and may be verified from documentation directly from  
12 the Department of Defense or from its subordinate agencies,  
13 such as the Coast Guard, Reserve, or National Guard.

14           (b) The applicant must provide documentation of the  
15 fact that the servicemember was killed while serving and proof  
16 of relationship to the servicemember to the tax collector or  
17 license plate agent before being issued a Gold Star license  
18 plate. The tax collector or license plate agent may waive the  
19 requirement for such documentation and proof if he or she has  
20 actual knowledge of the family relationship and that the  
21 servicemember was killed while serving.

22           (5) An eligible family member may request a Gold Star  
23 license plate at any time during his or her registration  
24 period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid  
25 license plate, the license plate shall be issued with  
26 appropriate renewal decals attached.

27           Section 5. Except as otherwise expressly provided in  
28 this act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2007.  
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