

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

29 provisions for distribution of proceeds from the Florida  
30 Wildflower license plate use fee; creating the Florida  
31 NASCAR license plate; providing for the distribution of  
32 use fees received from the sale of such plates to the  
33 Florida Sports Foundation, the National Association for  
34 Stock Car Auto Racing, and the NASCAR Foundation;  
35 requiring the Florida Sports Association to provide for an  
36 annual audit to be submitted to the Office of Tourism,  
37 Trade, and Economic Development for certification to the  
38 Auditor General; creating the Corrections Foundation  
39 license plate; providing for the distribution of annual  
40 use fees received from the sale of such plates to a  
41 direct-support organization; creating the Protect Florida  
42 Springs license plate; providing for the annual use fees  
43 from the sale of such plates to be distributed to the  
44 Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.; creating the Trees  
45 Are Cool license plate; providing for the distribution of  
46 annual use fees received from the sale of such plates;  
47 creating the Support Our Troops license plate; requiring  
48 the use of certain images and marks of Support Our Troops,  
49 Inc.; providing that the right to use a certain mark is  
50 reserved to that corporation; authorizing that corporation  
51 to change the design of the Support Our Troops license  
52 plate under certain circumstances; providing that issuance  
53 of the Support Our Troops license plate shall not be  
54 discontinued if the number of registrations falls below a  
55 certain number; providing for the distribution of use fees  
56 received from the sale of such plates to Support Our

57 Troops, Inc., and the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund;  
 58 creating the Veterans Service Organization license plate;  
 59 providing for the distribution of annual use fees received  
 60 from the sale of such plates; repealing s. 320.0848(2)(c),  
 61 F.S., relating to an administrative processing fee imposed  
 62 upon issuance of a disabled parking permit; amending s.  
 63 320.089, F.S.; creating a special license plate for  
 64 recipients of the Bronze Star and Silver Star medals;  
 65 providing for use of revenue received from the sale of  
 66 certain special license plates; creating s. 320.0894,  
 67 F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
 68 Vehicles to develop and issue a Gold Star license plate  
 69 honoring the family members of servicemembers who have  
 70 been killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces of  
 71 the United States; providing for design of the plate;  
 72 providing requirements to be fulfilled prior to  
 73 implementation; providing eligibility requirements;  
 74 providing for payment of certain taxes and fees; providing  
 75 effective dates.

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

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79 Section 1. Subsections (4) and (6) of section 320.08056,  
 80 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (11) is added to  
 81 that section, to read:

82 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

- 85 (a) Manatee license plate, \$20.
- 86 (b) Challenger/Columbia license plate, \$25, except that a
- 87 person that purchases 1,000 or more of such license plates shall
- 88 pay an annual use fee of \$15 per plate.
- 89 (c) Collegiate license plate, \$25.
- 90 (d) Florida Salutes Veterans license plate, \$15.
- 91 (e) Florida panther license plate, \$25.
- 92 (f) Florida United States Olympic Committee license plate,
- 93 \$15.
- 94 (g) Florida Special Olympics license plate, \$15.
- 95 (h) Florida educational license plate, \$20.
- 96 (i) Florida Professional Sports Team license plate, \$25.
- 97 (j) Florida Indian River Lagoon license plate, \$15.
- 98 (k) Invest in Children license plate, \$20.
- 99 (l) Florida arts license plate, \$20.
- 100 (m) Bethune-Cookman College license plate, \$25.
- 101 (n) Florida Agricultural license plate, \$20.
- 102 ~~(o) Girl Scout license plate, \$20.~~
- 103 (o)~~(p)~~ Police Athletic League license plate, \$20.
- 104 (p)~~(q)~~ Boy Scouts of America license plate, \$20.
- 105 (q)~~(r)~~ Largemouth Bass license plate, \$25.
- 106 (r)~~(s)~~ Sea Turtle license plate, \$23 ~~\$17.50~~.
- 107 (s)~~(t)~~ Protect Wild Dolphins license plate, \$20.
- 108 (t)~~(u)~~ Barry University license plate, \$25.
- 109 (u)~~(v)~~ Everglades River of Grass license plate, \$20.
- 110 (v)~~(w)~~ Keep Kids Drug-Free license plate, \$25.
- 111 (w)~~(x)~~ Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches license plate, \$25
- 112 \$20.

- 113        (x)~~(y)~~ Conserve Wildlife license plate, \$15.
- 114        (y)~~(z)~~ Florida Memorial University license plate, \$25.
- 115        (z)~~(aa)~~ Tampa Bay Estuary license plate, \$15.
- 116        (aa)~~(bb)~~ Florida Wildflower license plate, \$15.
- 117        (bb)~~(ee)~~ United States Marine Corps license plate, \$15.
- 118        (cc)~~(dd)~~ Choose Life license plate, \$20.
- 119        (dd)~~(ee)~~ Share the Road license plate, \$15.
- 120        (ee)~~(ff)~~ American Red Cross license plate, \$25.
- 121        (ff)~~(gg)~~ United We Stand license plate, \$25.
- 122        (gg)~~(hh)~~ Breast Cancer Research license plate, \$25.
- 123        (hh)~~(ii)~~ Protect Florida Whales license plate, \$25.
- 124        (ii)~~(jj)~~ Florida Golf license plate, \$25.
- 125        (jj)~~(kk)~~ Florida Firefighters license plate, \$20.
- 126        (kk)~~(ll)~~ Police Benevolent Association license plate, \$20.
- 127        (ll)~~(mm)~~ Military Services license plate, \$15.
- 128        (mm)~~(nn)~~ Protect Our Reefs license plate, \$25.
- 129        (nn)~~(oo)~~ Fish Florida license plate, \$22.
- 130        (oo)~~(pp)~~ Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention license  
131 plate, \$25.
- 132        (pp)~~(qq)~~ Hospice license plate, \$25.
- 133        (qq)~~(rr)~~ Stop Heart Disease license plate, \$25.
- 134        (rr)~~(ss)~~ Save Our Seas license plate, \$25, except that for  
135 an owner purchasing the specialty license plate for more than 10  
136 vehicles registered to that owner, the annual use fee shall be  
137 \$10 per plate.
- 138        (ss)~~(tt)~~ Aquaculture license plate, \$25, except that for  
139 an owner purchasing the specialty license plate for more than 10  
140 vehicles registered to that owner, the annual use fee shall be

141 \$10 per plate.

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

143 (uu)~~(vv)~~ Sportsmen's National Land Trust license plates,

144 \$25.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

154 (eee)~~(fff)~~ Donate Organs-Pass It On license plate, \$25.

155 (fff)~~(ggg)~~ A State of Vision license plate, \$25.

156 (ggg)~~(hhh)~~ Homeownership For All license plate, \$25.

157 (hhh) Florida NASCAR license plate, \$25.

158 (iii) Corrections Foundation license plate, \$25.

159 (jjj) Protect Florida Springs license plate, \$25.

160 (kkk) Trees Are Cool license plate, \$25.

161 (lll) Support Our Troops license plate, \$25.

162 (mmm) Veterans Service Organization license plate, \$25.

163 (6) Specialty license plates must bear the design required

164 by law for the appropriate specialty license plate, and the

165 designs and colors must conform to the department's design

166 specifications. In addition to a design, the specialty license

167 plates may bear the imprint of numerals from 1 to 999,

168 inclusive, capital letters "A" through "Z," or a combination

169 | thereof. The department shall determine the maximum number of  
 170 | characters, including both numerals and letters. All specialty  
 171 | license plates must be otherwise of the same material and size  
 172 | as standard license plates issued for any registration period. A  
 173 | specialty license plate may bear an appropriate slogan, emblem,  
 174 | or logo in a size and placement that conforms to the  
 175 | department's design specifications. The sponsoring  
 176 | organization's Internet domain name may appear on the plate.

177 | (11) The annual use fee from the sale of specialty license  
 178 | plates, the interest earned from those fees, or any fees  
 179 | received by an agency as a result of the sale of specialty  
 180 | license plates may not be used for the purpose of marketing to,  
 181 | lobbying, entertaining, or rewarding an employee of a  
 182 | governmental agency that is responsible for the sale and  
 183 | distribution of specialty license plates.

184 | Section 2. Subsections (16) through (60) of section  
 185 | 320.08058, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (15)  
 186 | through (59), respectively, present subsections (8), (14), (15),  
 187 | and (28) are amended, and new subsections (60) through (65) are  
 188 | added to that section, to read:

189 | 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

190 | (8) FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL LICENSE PLATES.--

191 | (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
 192 | shall develop a Florida educational license plate as provided in  
 193 | this section. Florida educational license plates must bear a  
 194 | design and colors that the department approves. The word  
 195 | "Florida" must appear in small letters at the top of the plate.

196 | (b) The license annual use fees are to be distributed

197 annually as follows:

198 1. Up to 10 percent of the moneys raised from the sale of  
 199 the plates may be used for continuing marketing and promotion of  
 200 the plates.

201 ~~2.1.~~ In each school district that has a district  
 202 prekindergarten through grade 12 public school foundation or a  
 203 direct-support organization, the moneys raised in that school  
 204 district through the sale of Florida educational license plates  
 205 must be distributed to the foundation or organization for  
 206 enhancing educational programs.

207 ~~3.2.~~ In each school district that does not have a district  
 208 prekindergarten through grade 12 public school foundation or a  
 209 direct-support organization, the moneys raised in that school  
 210 district through the sale of Florida educational license plates  
 211 must be distributed to the district school board and must be  
 212 used at the discretion of the board for enhancing educational  
 213 programs.

214 (14) FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL LICENSE PLATES.--

215 (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
 216 shall develop a Florida Agricultural license plate. Florida  
 217 Agricultural license plates must bear the colors and design  
 218 approved by the department. The word "Agriculture" must appear  
 219 at the top of the plate, and the words "Keeps Florida Green"  
 220 must appear at the bottom of the plate.

221 (b) The proceeds of the Florida Agricultural license plate  
 222 annual use fee must be forwarded to the direct-support  
 223 organization created in s. 570.903. The funds must be used for  
 224 the sole purpose of funding and promoting the Florida



225 agriculture in the classroom program established within the  
 226 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to s.  
 227 570.91.

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

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

233 ~~(a) The department shall develop a Girl Scout license~~  
 234 ~~plate as provided in this section to commemorate the Girl Scout~~  
 235 ~~councils in this state. The word "Florida" must appear at the~~  
 236 ~~top of the plate, and the words "For Her Future" must appear at~~  
 237 ~~the bottom of the plate.~~

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

- 242 ~~1. Citrus Council of Girl Scouts, Inc.~~
- 243 ~~2. Gateway Girl Scout Council, Inc.~~
- 244 ~~3. Girl Scouts of Broward County, Inc.~~
- 245 ~~4. Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida, Inc.~~
- 246 ~~5. Heart of Florida Girl Scout Council, Inc.~~
- 247 ~~6. Palm Glades Girl Scout Council, Inc.~~
- 248 ~~7. Suncoast Girl Scout Council, Inc.~~

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 250 ~~Funds collected in counties not served by one of the above~~  
 251 ~~councils shall be used by the Citrus Council of Girl Scouts,~~  
 252 ~~Inc., to reimburse expenditures made on behalf of other councils~~

253 ~~to comply with s. 320.08053. Once those expenditures have been~~  
 254 ~~reimbursed, the funds shall be distributed to the Girl Scout~~  
 255 ~~councils serving those counties in the same manner as funds are~~  
 256 ~~distributed to the listed councils.~~

257 (27)~~(28)~~ FLORIDA WILDFLOWER LICENSE PLATES.--

258 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Wildflower  
 259 license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"  
 260 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "State  
 261 Wildflower" and "coreopsis" must appear at the bottom of the  
 262 plate.

263 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the  
 264 Florida Wildflower Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation  
 265 under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ~~Wildflower~~  
 266 ~~Account established by Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc., created by~~  
 267 ~~s. 403.4131.~~ The proceeds must be used to establish native  
 268 Florida wildflower research programs, wildflower educational  
 269 programs, and wildflower grant programs to municipal, county,  
 270 and community-based groups in this state.

271 1. The Florida Wildflower Foundation, Inc., shall develop  
 272 procedures of operation, research contracts, education and  
 273 marketing programs, and wildflower-planting grants for Florida  
 274 native wildflowers, plants, and grasses.

275 2. A maximum of 15 ~~10~~ percent of the proceeds from the  
 276 sale of such plates may be used for administrative costs and  
 277 marketing costs.

278 3. If the Florida Wildflower Foundation, Inc., ceases to  
 279 be an active nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the  
 280 Internal Revenue Code, the proceeds from the annual use fee

281 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund  
 282 created within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
 283 Services, and any unexpended funds from the proceeds held by the  
 284 Florida Wildflower Foundation, Inc., must be promptly  
 285 transferred to the General Inspection Trust Fund. The Department  
 286 of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall use and administer  
 287 the proceeds from the use fee in the manner specified in this  
 288 paragraph.

289 (60) FLORIDA NASCAR LICENSE PLATES.--

290 (a) The department shall develop a Florida NASCAR license  
 291 plate as provided in this section. Florida NASCAR license plates  
 292 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The  
 293 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the term  
 294 "NASCAR" must appear at the bottom of the plate. The National  
 295 Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, following consultation  
 296 with the Florida Sports Foundation, may submit a sample plate  
 297 for consideration by the department.

298 (b) The license plate annual use fees shall be distributed  
 299 to the Florida Sports Foundation, a direct-support organization  
 300 of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. The  
 301 license plate annual use fees shall be annually allocated as  
 302 follows:

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

306 2. The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing  
 307 shall receive up to \$60,000 in proceeds from the annual use fees  
 308 to be used to pay startup costs, including costs incurred in

309 developing and issuing the plates. Thereafter, 10 percent of the  
 310 proceeds from the annual use fees shall be provided to the  
 311 association for the royalty rights for the use of its marks.

312 3. The remaining proceeds from the annual use fees shall  
 313 be distributed to the Florida Sports Foundation. The Florida  
 314 Sports Foundation shall retain 15 percent to support its  
 315 regional grant program, attracting sporting events to Florida;  
 316 20 percent to support the marketing of motorsports-related  
 317 tourism in the state; and 50 percent to be paid to the NASCAR  
 318 Foundation, a charitable organization under s. 501(c)(3) of the  
 319 Internal Revenue Code, to support Florida-based charitable  
 320 organizations.

321 (c) The Florida Sports Foundation shall provide an annual  
 322 financial audit in accordance with s. 215.981 of its financial  
 323 accounts and records by an independent certified public  
 324 accountant pursuant to the contract established by the Office of  
 325 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development as specified in s.  
 326 288.1229(5). The auditor shall submit the audit report to the  
 327 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for review  
 328 and approval. If the audit report is approved, the office shall  
 329 certify the audit report to the Auditor General for review.

330 (61) CORRECTIONS FOUNDATION LICENSE PLATES.--

331 (a) The department shall develop a Corrections Foundation  
 332 license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"  
 333 must appear at the top of the plate, the words "Corrections  
 334 Foundation" must appear at the bottom of the plate, and the  
 335 Corrections Foundation logo must appear to the left of the  
 336 numerals.

337        (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to  
338 Corrections Foundation, Inc., a direct-support organization  
339 created pursuant to s. 944.802, and shall be used to continue  
340 and expand the charitable work of the foundation, as provided in  
341 s. 944.802 and the articles of incorporation of the foundation.

342        (62) PROTECT FLORIDA SPRINGS LICENSE PLATES.--

343        (a) The department shall develop a Protect Florida Springs  
344 license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"  
345 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Protect  
346 Florida Springs" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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

351        1. The Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc., shall retain  
352 the first \$60,000 of the annual use fees as direct reimbursement  
353 for administrative costs, startup costs, and costs incurred in  
354 the development and approval process.

355        2. Thereafter, a maximum of 10 percent of the fees may be  
356 used for administrative costs directly associated with education  
357 programs, conservation, springs research, and grant  
358 administration of the foundation. A maximum of 15 percent of the  
359 fees may be used for continuing promotion and marketing of the  
360 license plate.

361        3. At least 55 percent of the fees shall be available for  
362 competitive grants for targeted community-based springs research  
363 for which state funding is not currently available. The  
364 remaining 20 percent shall be directed toward community outreach

365 programs aimed at implementing such research findings. The  
366 competitive grants shall be administered and approved by the  
367 board of directors of the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.  
368 The granting advisory committee shall be composed of nine  
369 members, including one representative from the Fish and Wildlife  
370 Conservation Commission, one representative from the Department  
371 of Environmental Protection, one representative from the  
372 Department of Health, one representative from the Department of  
373 Community Affairs, three citizen representatives, and two  
374 representatives from nonprofit stakeholder groups.

375 4. The remaining funds shall be distributed with the  
376 approval of and accountability to the board of directors of the  
377 Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc., and shall be used to  
378 support activities contributing to education, outreach, and  
379 springs conservation.

380 (63) TREES ARE COOL LICENSE PLATES.--

381 (a) The department shall develop a Trees Are Cool license  
382 plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must  
383 appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Trees Are Cool"  
384 must appear at the bottom of the plate.

385 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the  
386 Florida Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture,  
387 Inc., which shall retain the initial revenues from the sale of  
388 such plates until all startup costs for developing and  
389 establishing the plate have been recovered, not to exceed  
390 \$60,000. Thereafter, the proceeds of the annual use fee shall be  
391 used in the following manner:

392 1. Twenty percent of the funds may be used by the Florida

393 Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, Inc., for  
 394 continuing promotion and marketing of the license plate and  
 395 concept. Five percent of the funds received by the Florida  
 396 Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, Inc., may  
 397 be used for administrative costs directly associated with the  
 398 operations of the Florida Chapter of the International Society  
 399 of Arboriculture, Inc., with respect to the management of the  
 400 Trees Are Cool license plate program.

401 2. Seventy-five percent of the funds must be used to  
 402 fulfill the mission of the Florida Chapter of the International  
 403 Society of Arboriculture, Inc., which is to provide education  
 404 and training statewide with respect to tree care and tree  
 405 safety.

406 (64) SUPPORT OUR TROOPS LICENSE PLATES.--

407 (a) The department shall develop a Support Our Troops  
 408 license plate as provided in this section. Support Our Troops  
 409 license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the  
 410 department and must contain the soldier and child emblem and  
 411 "Support Our Troops" marks of Support Our Troops, Inc. The right  
 412 to use the mark of an eagle head upon a United States flag field  
 413 on a specialty license plate is reserved to Support Our Troops,  
 414 Inc., and such mark may be used alternatively. The word  
 415 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words  
 416 "Support Our Troops" must appear at the bottom of the plate.  
 417 Upon compliance with s. 320.08056(9), Support Our Troops, Inc.,  
 418 may alternate the phrase at the bottom of the plate to "Support  
 419 Our Heroes" or "Salute Our Heroes." The field of the plate may  
 420 be colored.

421 (b) The license plate annual use fees shall be distributed  
422 to Support Our Troops, Inc., to be used for the benefit of  
423 Florida troops and their families in accordance with its  
424 articles of incorporation. Support Our Troops, Inc., shall  
425 receive the first \$60,000 of the annual use fees to offset  
426 startup costs for developing and establishing the plate.

427 Thereafter, the department shall distribute the Support Our  
428 Troops license plate annual use fee in the following manner:

429 1. Twenty-five percent shall be distributed to Support Our  
430 Troops, Inc., to offset marketing, administration, and  
431 promotion.

432 2. Of the remaining proceeds, 65 percent shall be  
433 distributed to Support Our Troops, Inc., and 35 percent shall be  
434 distributed to the Department of Veterans' Affairs State Homes  
435 for Veterans Trust Fund.

436 (c) Due to the unique and special nature of the plate, s.  
437 320.08056(8)(a) shall not apply to the Support Our Troops  
438 license plate. Due to the unique and special nature of the  
439 plate, and notwithstanding s. 320.08053, the Support Our Troops  
440 license plate shall also be issued in a related design in a size  
441 appropriate for motorcycles. The Department of Highway Safety  
442 and Motor Vehicles shall retain the first proceeds from the  
443 annual use fee from the sale of the Support Our Troops  
444 motorcycle specialty license plate in an amount sufficient to  
445 recover startup costs.

446 (65) VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION LICENSE PLATES.--

447 (a) Notwithstanding s. 320.08053, the department shall  
448 develop a series of veterans service organization license plates



449 as provided in this section. Veterans Service Organization  
450 license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the  
451 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
452 plate, and the name of the respective veterans service  
453 organization must appear at the bottom of the plate. The  
454 appropriate emblem for the particular veterans service  
455 organization must appear on the left side of the plate,  
456 approximately 3 inches in diameter. The Veterans Service  
457 Organization license plate shall be developed for the following:

- 458 1. The American Legion.
- 459 2. The Disabled American Veterans.
- 460 3. The Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- 461 4. The AMVETS.
- 462 5. The Vietnam Veterans of America.

463 (b) The department shall retain 40 percent of all revenues  
464 from the sale of such plates until all startup costs for  
465 developing and issuing the plates have been recovered, during  
466 which time 60 percent of all revenue shall be deposited into the  
467 State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to  
468 construct, operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes  
469 for veterans subject to the requirements of chapter 216.  
470 Thereafter, 40 percent of the annual use fees shall be remitted  
471 to the appropriate organization to support its veterans and  
472 military activities, programs, and projects within the state.  
473 The remaining 60 percent shall be deposited into the State Homes  
474 for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct, operate,  
475 and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for veterans subject  
476 to the requirements of chapter 216.

477 Section 3. Effective July 1, 2007, paragraph (c) of  
478 subsection (2) of section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, is  
479 repealed.

480 Section 4. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of  
481 section 320.089, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

482 320.089 Members of National Guard and active United States  
483 Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war; survivors of  
484 Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Bronze Star medal  
485 recipients; Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring  
486 Freedom Veterans; special license plates; fee.--

487 (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
488 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
489 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial  
490 use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired  
491 member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack  
492 on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, a  
493 recipient of the Silver Star medal, a recipient of the Bronze  
494 Star medal, or an active or retired member of any branch of the  
495 United States Armed Forces Reserve shall, upon application to  
496 the department, accompanied by proof of active membership or  
497 retired status in the Florida National Guard, proof of  
498 membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or proof of  
499 active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof  
500 of being a Purple Heart, Silver Star, or Bronze Star medal  
501 recipient, or proof of active or retired membership in any  
502 branch of the Armed Forces Reserve, and upon payment of the  
503 license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued  
504 a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which, in lieu of

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505 the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the  
506 words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded  
507 veteran," "Silver Star," "Bronze Star," or "U.S. Reserve," as  
508 appropriate, followed by the serial number of the license plate.  
509 Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the words "Purple  
510 Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart  
511 medal appearing on the plate.

512 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
513 contrary, ~~beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually~~  
514 ~~thereafter,~~ the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated each  
515 year from the sale of license plates issued under this section  
516 ~~which are stamped with the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor~~  
517 ~~Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve"~~ shall be  
518 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described  
519 in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law  
520 for that trust fund, and any additional general revenue  
521 generated each year up to \$100,000 shall be deposited into the  
522 State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to  
523 construct, operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes  
524 for veterans subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

525 Section 5. Section 320.0894, Florida Statutes, is created  
526 to read:

527 320.0894 Motor vehicle license plates to Gold Star family  
528 members.--The department shall develop a special license plate  
529 honoring the family members of servicemembers who have been  
530 killed while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.  
531 The license plate shall be officially designated as the Gold  
532 Star license plate and shall be developed and issued as provided

533 in this section.

534 (1) The Gold Star license plate must bear the colors and  
535 design approved by the department in cooperation with supporters  
536 of the license plate. The word "Florida" must appear at the top  
537 of the plate, and the words "Gold Star Family" must appear at  
538 the bottom of the plate. The plate shall bear a unique design  
539 that includes the symbol for a fallen servicemember, a gold star  
540 with blue fringe on a white background with a red border. The  
541 symbol shall be no larger than 3 inches by 3 inches and shall be  
542 placed in a conspicuous place to the left of the identifying  
543 number of the plate, which identifying number shall consist of  
544 no more than six alphanumeric characters.

545 (2) This section shall not be implemented until such time  
546 as the state has, through a licensing agreement or otherwise,  
547 received such license or other permission as may be required to  
548 implement this section. The designs of the initial and  
549 subsequent editions of the Gold Star license plate, except any  
550 part of the designs owned by others and licensed to the state,  
551 shall be owned solely by the state for its exclusive use and  
552 control, except as authorized by the department. The department  
553 may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and  
554 protect such right, including the copyright or copyrights.  
555 However, such steps shall be cumulative of the ownership and  
556 exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a  
557 matter of law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use  
558 such designs except as authorized by the department.

559 (3) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
560 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or

561 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
562 which automobile, truck, or vehicle is not used for hire or  
563 commercial use, who is a resident of this state and who meets  
564 the qualifications provided in subsection (4) shall, upon  
565 application therefor to the department and payment of the  
566 license tax and appropriate fees established in this chapter, be  
567 issued a Gold Star license plate. Each initial application for a  
568 Gold Star license plate must be accompanied by proof that the  
569 applicant meets the requirements provided in subsection (4).

570 (b) The surviving spouse and the surviving parents meeting  
571 the requirements in subsection (4) shall each, upon application  
572 therefor, be issued the Gold Star license plate for one vehicle  
573 per person for a charge of \$10 in lieu of all other taxes and  
574 fees. Renewal decals for the plate issued under this paragraph  
575 shall be issued at a total cost of \$10 per renewal year. Moneys  
576 collected for the license plate and renewal decals issued  
577 pursuant to this paragraph shall be retained by the department  
578 to defray the cost of providing the plate and renewal decals.

579 (4)(a)1. The Gold Star license plate shall be issued only  
580 to family members of a servicemember if the servicemember was a  
581 bona fide resident of the state for 1 year immediately preceding  
582 the servicemember's death and shall be issued subject to the  
583 rules, restrictions, and limitations set forth in this section.

584 2. To qualify for issuance of a Gold Star license plate,  
585 the applicant must be directly related to a fallen servicemember  
586 as spouse, legal mother or father, or stepparent who is  
587 currently married to the mother or father of the fallen  
588 servicemember.

589       3. A servicemember is deemed to have been killed while in  
590 service as listed by the United States Department of Defense,  
591 and that status may be verified by documentation directly from  
592 the Department of Defense or from its subordinate agencies, such  
593 as the Coast Guard, Reserve, or National Guard.

594       (b) The applicant must provide documentation of the fact  
595 that the servicemember was killed while serving and proof of  
596 relationship to the servicemember to the tax collector or  
597 license plate agent before being issued a Gold Star license  
598 plate. The tax collector or license plate agent may waive the  
599 requirement for such documentation and proof if he or she has  
600 actual knowledge of the family relationship and that the  
601 servicemember was killed while serving.

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

607       Section 6. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
608 act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2007.