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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to corporate license plates; creating s. 320.08052, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create the Corporate License Plate Program and enter into certain agreements with certain entities; requiring that corporate license plates meet specified criteria and that certain aspects of such license plates be approved by the department; authorizing vehicle owners to apply for such license plates; requiring that specified minimum fees be paid by applicants and corporate sponsors for such applications; requiring that the department, upon approval of an application, issue the appropriate corporate plate to the vehicle owner along with a registration and decal valid for a specified period; providing for the distribution of fees collected; authorizing corporate sponsors to participate in the program by submitting a specified minimum initial application fee; requiring that a corporate sponsor meet specified eligibility requirements; requiring that the department adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Section 320.08052, Florida Statutes, is created to read:



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320.08052 Corporate license plates.

- (1) The department is authorized to create a Corporate License Plate Program. The department may enter into agreements with any business entity, advertising firm, or for-profit business that provides the department the required legal documentation to use corporate logos on Florida license plates.
- (2) The design of corporate license plates must be approved by the department and must have the word "Florida" at the top. Corporate license plates may be personalized as provided in s. 320.0805 but must be approved by the corporate sponsor and the department before issuance.
- (3) A vehicle owner may apply for a corporate license plate for any motor vehicle registered in the owner's name weighing 7,999 pounds or less and also registered as a private-use vehicle. Each application must be accompanied by an application fee of no more than \$25. The application by any vehicle owner for a corporate license plate shall, upon acceptance, authorize the department to provide the applicant's name and address to the corporate sponsor in compliance with s. 119.0712(2). Upon approval of the application, the corporate sponsor shall immediately remit to the department a fee of no less than \$200. The department shall issue the appropriate corporate plate to the vehicle owner, along with a registration and decal, and the registration is valid for one registration period, which may not exceed 15 months. All applicable registration fees authorized by this chapter shall be distributed as provided in this chapter from the proceeds of the fees paid pursuant to this subsection. Excess revenues remaining after the distribution of all required fees shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust



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Fund to fund the general operations of the department.

(4) Corporate sponsors may participate in the program by submitting an initial application fee to the department of at least \$5,000 for the purchase of initial inventory. To be eligible to participate in the program, a corporate sponsor must provide evidence of the ability to pay \$200 per vehicle owner for a minimum of 1,000 vehicle owners.

(5) The department shall adopt rules to administer this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.