

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Brandes

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to issuance of specialty license
3 plates; amending s. 320.08053, F.S.; revising presale
4 requirements for issuance of a specialty plate;
5 amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; revising conditions for
6 discontinuing issuance of a specialty plate; providing
7 an exception to the minimum requirements for certain
8 specialty plates; providing effective dates.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 320.08053, Florida Statutes, is amended
13 to read:

14 320.08053 Establishment of ~~Requirements for requests to~~
15 ~~establish~~ specialty license plates.—

16 (1) If a specialty license plate requested by an
17 organization is approved by law, the organization must submit
18 the proposed art design for the specialty license plate to the
19 department, in a medium prescribed by the department, as soon as
20 practicable, but no later than 60 days after the act approving
21 the specialty license plate becomes a law.

22 (2) (a) Within 120 days following the specialty license
23 plate becoming law, the department shall establish a method to
24 issue a specialty license plate voucher to allow for the presale
25 of the specialty license plate. The processing fee as prescribed
26 in s. 320.08056, the service charge and branch fee as prescribed
27 in s. 320.04, and the annual use fee as prescribed in s.
28 320.08056 shall be charged for the voucher. All other applicable
29 fees shall be charged at the time of issuance of the license
30 plates.

31 (b) Within 24 months after the presale specialty license
32 plate voucher is established, the approved specialty license

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33 plate organization must record with the department a minimum of
34 4,000 ~~1,000~~ voucher sales before manufacture of the license
35 plate may begin ~~commence~~. If, at the conclusion of the 24-month
36 presale period, the minimum sales requirement ~~requirements~~
37 ~~have~~ not been met, the specialty plate is deauthorized and the
38 department shall discontinue development of the plate and
39 discontinue issuance of the presale vouchers. Upon
40 deauthorization of the license plate, a purchaser of the license
41 plate voucher may use the annual use fee collected as a credit
42 towards any other specialty license plate or apply for a refund
43 on a form prescribed by the department.

44 Section 2. Effective July 1, 2018, paragraph (a) of
45 subsection (8) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, is
46 amended to read:

47 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

48 (8) (a) The department must discontinue the issuance of an
49 approved specialty license plate if the number of valid
50 specialty plate registrations falls below 4,000 ~~1,000~~ ~~plates~~ for
51 at least 12 consecutive months. A warning letter shall be mailed
52 to the sponsoring organization following the first month in
53 which the total number of valid specialty plate registrations is
54 below 4,000 ~~1,000~~ ~~plates~~. This paragraph does not apply to
55 collegiate license plates established under s. 320.08058(3) or
56 specialty license plates that have statutory eligibility
57 limitations for purchase.

58 Section 3. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
59 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2016.