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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to special license plates; amending
3 ss. 296.11 and 296.38, F.S.; requiring moneys received
4 from the sale of Woman Veteran license plates to be
5 used for certain purposes; amending s. 320.089, F.S.;
6 providing for a special license plate to be issued to
7 a recipient of the Bronze Star; revising disposition
8 of moneys received from the sale of Woman Veteran
9 license plates; requiring the likeness of the Prisoner
10 of War Medal to appear on the Ex-POW license plate;
11 providing an effective date.
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 296.11, Florida
16 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), and a new subsection
17 (3) is added to that section to read:

18 296.11 Funds of home and disposition of moneys.—

19 (3) All moneys received pursuant to s. 320.089 from the
20 sale of Woman Veteran license plates shall be deposited into the
21 Grants and Donations Trust Fund. All such moneys must be
22 expended solely for the purpose of creating and implementing
23 programs to benefit women veterans.

24 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 296.38, Florida
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 296.38 Funds of home and disposition of moneys.—

27 (2) (a) The home shall be empowered to receive and accept
 28 gifts, grants, and endowments in the name of the home. All such
 29 gifts, grants, and endowments are to be used for the benefit of
 30 the home and its residents. The administrator, together with the
 31 director, shall have the authority to determine how these gifts,
 32 grants, and endowments could best benefit the home and its
 33 residents unless the benefactor requests or instructs that the
 34 gift, grant, or endowment be used for a specific purpose. The
 35 home shall deposit all moneys received pursuant to this
 36 subsection into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund. Except as
 37 provided in paragraph (b), moneys in the Grants and Donations
 38 Trust Fund shall be expended for the common benefit of the
 39 residents of the home, such as recreational equipment, improved
 40 facilities, recreational supplies, and goods and services
 41 offered or available to all residents.

42 (b) All moneys received pursuant to s. 320.089 from the
 43 sale of Woman Veteran license plates shall be deposited into the
 44 Grants and Donations Trust Fund. All such moneys must be
 45 expended solely for the purpose of creating and implementing
 46 programs to benefit women veterans.

47 Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 320.089,
 48 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

49 320.089 ~~Veterans of the United States Armed Forces;~~
 50 ~~members of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple~~
 51 ~~Heart medal recipients; active or retired United States Armed~~
 52 ~~Forces reservists; Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge,~~

53 ~~or Combat Action Badge recipients; Combat Action Ribbon~~
 54 ~~recipients; Air Force Combat Action Medal recipients;~~
 55 ~~Distinguished Flying Cross recipients; former prisoners of war;~~
 56 ~~Korean War Veterans; Vietnam War Veterans; Operation Desert~~
 57 ~~Shield Veterans; Operation Desert Storm Veterans; Operation~~
 58 ~~Enduring Freedom Veterans; Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans;~~
 59 ~~Women Veterans; World War II Veterans; and Navy Submariners;~~
 60 Special license plates for military servicemembers, veterans,
 61 and Pearl Harbor Survivors; fee.-

62 (1) (a) Upon application to the department and payment of
 63 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, a
 64 resident of the state who owns or leases ~~Each owner or lessee of~~
 65 an automobile or truck for private use or recreational vehicle
 66 as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for
 67 hire or commercial use, shall be issued a license plate pursuant
 68 to the following if the applicant provides the department with
 69 proof he or she meets the qualifications listed in this section
 70 for the applicable license plate:

71 1. A person released or discharged from any branch ~~who is~~
 72 ~~a resident of the state and a veteran~~ of the United States Armed
 73 Forces shall be issued a license plate stamped with the term
 74 "Veteran" or, a "Woman Veteran" followed by the serial number of
 75 the license plate.

76 2. A World War II Veteran shall be issued a license plate
 77 stamped with the term "WWII Veteran" followed by the serial
 78 number of the license plate.

79 3. A Navy Submariner shall be issued a license plate
80 stamped with the term "Navy Submariner" followed by the serial
81 number of the license plate.

82 4. An active or retired member of the Florida National
83 Guard shall be issued a license plate stamped with the term
84 "National Guard" followed by the serial number of the license
85 plate.

86 5. A member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or
87 other person on active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December
88 7, 1941, shall be issued a license plate stamped with the term
89 "Pearl Harbor Survivor" followed by the serial number of the
90 license plate. ~~a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor,~~

91 6. A recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall be issued a
92 license plate stamped with the term "Combat-wounded Veteran"
93 followed by the serial number of the license plate. The Purple
94 Heart plate may have the term "Purple Heart" stamped on the
95 plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on
96 the plate.

97 7. An active or retired member of any branch of the United
98 States Armed Forces Reserve shall be issued a license plate
99 stamped with the term "U.S. Reserve" followed by the serial
100 number of the license plate.

101 8. A member of the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc.,
102 or a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical
103 Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, or Air Force
104 Combat Action Medal shall be issued a license plate stamped with

105 the term "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge,"
 106 "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action Ribbon," or "Air Force
 107 Combat Action Medal," as appropriate, and a likeness of the
 108 related campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial number
 109 of the license plate.

110 9. A recipient of the, or Distinguished Flying Cross shall
 111 be issued a license plate stamped with the term "Distinguished
 112 Flying Cross" and a likeness of the Distinguished Flying Cross
 113 followed by the serial number of the license plate.

114 10. A recipient of the Bronze Star shall be issued a
 115 license plate stamped with the term "Bronze Star" and a likeness
 116 of the Bronze Star followed by the serial number of the license
 117 plate., upon application to the department, accompanied by proof
 118 of release or discharge from any branch of the United States
 119 Armed Forces, proof of active membership or retired status in
 120 the Florida National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl
 121 Harbor Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in
 122 Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart
 123 medal recipient, proof of active or retired membership in any
 124 branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of
 125 membership in the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., proof
 126 of being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat
 127 Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air
 128 Force Combat Action Medal, or Distinguished Flying Cross, and
 129 upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in
 130 s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as provided by s.

131 ~~320.06 which, in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s.~~
 132 ~~320.06, is stamped with the words "Veteran," "Woman Veteran,"~~
 133 ~~"WWII Veteran," "Navy Submariner," "National Guard," "Pearl~~
 134 ~~Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," "U.S. Reserve,"~~
 135 ~~"Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge," "Combat Action~~
 136 ~~Badge," "Combat Action Ribbon," "Air Force Combat Action Medal,"~~
 137 ~~or "Distinguished Flying Cross," as appropriate, and a likeness~~
 138 ~~of the related campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial~~
 139 ~~number of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart~~
 140 ~~plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and~~
 141 ~~the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.~~

142 (b) Notwithstanding any ~~other provision of law to the~~
 143 ~~contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually~~
 144 ~~thereafter,~~ the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from
 145 the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be
 146 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described
 147 in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law
 148 for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated
 149 from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State
 150 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct,
 151 operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for
 152 veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

153 (c) Any revenue generated from the sale of Woman Veteran
 154 license plates must be deposited into the Grants and Donations
 155 ~~Operations and Maintenance~~ Trust Fund administered by the
 156 Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to s. 20.375(2)

157 ~~20.375(3)~~ and must be used solely for the purpose of creating
158 and implementing programs to benefit women veterans.

159 (d) Notwithstanding any ~~provisions of~~ law to the contrary,
160 an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a
161 Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled
162 veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the
163 appropriate special license plate without payment of the license
164 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

165 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
166 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
167 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
168 which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident
169 of this state and who is a former prisoner of war, or his or her
170 unremarried surviving spouse, upon application to the
171 department, shall be issued a license plate as provided in s.
172 320.06, stamped with the words "Ex-POW" and the likeness of the
173 Prisoner of War Medal followed by the serial number. Each
174 application shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant
175 meets the qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph
176 (b).

177 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member
178 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of
179 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a
180 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United
181 States were engaged in combat, or his or her unremarried
182 surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate

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183 provided for in this subsection without payment of the license
184 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

185 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the
186 consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a
187 member of the Armed Forces of the United States while he or she
188 was not a United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of
189 war when the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in
190 combat, or his or her unremarried surviving spouse, may be
191 issued the special license plate provided for in this subsection
192 upon payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

193 Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2016.