

By the Committees on Fiscal Policy; and Transportation; and
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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to special license plates; amending s.
3 320.089, F.S.; creating a special license plate for
4 recipients of the Bronze Star medal; requiring any
5 revenue generated from the sale of Woman Veteran
6 license plates to be deposited into the Grants and
7 Donations Trust Fund, instead of the Operations and
8 Maintenance Trust Fund; conforming a cross-reference;
9 authorizing the likeness of the Prisoner of War medal
10 to be on the "Ex-POW" license plate; amending ss.
11 296.11 and 296.38, F.S.; specifying requirements for
12 expenditure of moneys deposited in the Grant and
13 Donations Trust Fund under certain circumstances;
14 requiring certain homes to deposit all moneys received
15 from the sale of Woman Veteran license plates into the
16 Grants and Donations Trust Fund; requiring that such
17 moneys be expended for certain purposes; providing an
18 effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended to
23 read:

24 320.089 Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; members
25 of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart and
26 Bronze Star medal recipients; active or retired United States
27 Armed Forces reservists; Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical
28 Badge, or Combat Action Badge recipients; Combat Action Ribbon
29 recipients; Air Force Combat Action Medal recipients;
30 Distinguished Flying Cross recipients; former prisoners of war;
31 Korean War Veterans; Vietnam War Veterans; Operation Desert

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32 Shield Veterans; Operation Desert Storm Veterans; Operation
33 Enduring Freedom Veterans; Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans;
34 Women Veterans; World War II Veterans; and Navy Submariners;
35 special license plates; fee.—

36 (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
37 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.
38 320.08(9) (c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial
39 use, who is a resident of the state and a veteran of the United
40 States Armed Forces, a Woman Veteran, a World War II Veteran, a
41 Navy Submariner, an active or retired member of the Florida
42 National Guard, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a
43 recipient of the Purple Heart medal, a recipient of the Bronze
44 Star medal, an active or retired member of any branch of the
45 United States Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat
46 Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge,
47 Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or
48 Distinguished Flying Cross, upon application to the department,
49 accompanied by proof of release or discharge from any branch of
50 the United States Armed Forces, proof of active membership or
51 retired status in the Florida National Guard, proof of
52 membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or proof of
53 active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof
54 of being a Purple Heart or Bronze Star medal recipient, proof of
55 active or retired membership in any branch of the United States
56 Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of membership in the Combat
57 Infantrymen's Association, Inc., proof of being a recipient of
58 the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action
59 Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or
60 Distinguished Flying Cross, and upon payment of the license tax

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61 for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a
62 license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of the
63 serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, is stamped with the
64 words "Veteran," "Woman Veteran," "WWII Veteran," "Navy
65 Submariner," "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-
66 wounded veteran," "Bronze Star," "U.S. Reserve," "Combat
67 Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge," "Combat Action Badge,"
68 "Combat Action Ribbon," "Air Force Combat Action Medal," or
69 "Distinguished Flying Cross," as appropriate, and a likeness of
70 the related campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial
71 number of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart
72 plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and
73 the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

74 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
75 contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually
76 thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from
77 the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be
78 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described
79 in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law
80 for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated
81 from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State
82 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct,
83 operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for
84 veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

85 (c) Any revenue generated from the sale of Woman Veteran
86 license plates must be deposited into the Grants and Donations
87 ~~Operations and Maintenance~~ Trust Fund administered by the
88 Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to s. 20.375(2) ~~s.~~
89 ~~20.375(3)~~ and must be used solely for the purpose of creating

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90 and implementing programs to benefit women veterans.
91 Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, an
92 applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a Purple
93 Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled veteran's
94 license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the appropriate
95 special license plate without payment of the license tax imposed
96 by s. 320.08.

97 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
98 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
99 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
100 which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident
101 of this state and who is a former prisoner of war, or his or her
102 unremarried surviving spouse, upon application to the
103 department, shall be issued a license plate as provided in s.
104 320.06, may have the words "Ex-POW" stamped on the plate and the
105 likeness of the Prisoner of War medal ~~with the words "Ex-POW"~~
106 followed by the serial number. Each application shall be
107 accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the qualifications
108 specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

109 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member
110 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of
111 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a
112 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United
113 States were engaged in combat, or his or her unremarried
114 surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate
115 provided for in this subsection without payment of the license
116 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

117 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the consent
118 of the United States Government, or a person who was a member of

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119 the Armed Forces of the United States while he or she was not a
120 United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the
121 Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or his
122 or her unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special
123 license plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of
124 the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

125 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
126 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
127 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
128 which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident
129 of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a
130 recipient of the Purple Heart medal, upon application to the
131 department accompanied by the payment of the required fees,
132 shall be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06 which
133 is stamped with the words "Purple Heart" and the likeness of the
134 Purple Heart medal followed by the serial number. Each
135 application shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant is
136 the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple
137 Heart medal.

138 (4) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
139 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
140 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)
141 which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident
142 of this state and a current or former member of the United
143 States Armed Forces who was deployed and served in Korea during
144 the Korean War as defined in s. 1.01(14), upon application to
145 the department accompanied by proof of active membership or
146 former active duty status during the Korean War and payment of
147 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall

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148 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in
149 lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,
150 is stamped with the words "Korean War Veteran" and a likeness of
151 the Korean Service Medal, followed by the registration license
152 number of the plate. Proof that the applicant was awarded the
153 Korean Service Medal is sufficient to establish eligibility for
154 the license plate.

155 (5) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
156 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
157 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)
158 which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident
159 of this state and a current or former member of the United
160 States military who was deployed and served in Vietnam during
161 United States military deployment in Indochina, upon application
162 to the department accompanied by proof of active membership or
163 former active duty status during these operations and payment of
164 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall
165 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in
166 lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,
167 is stamped with the words "Vietnam War Veteran" and a likeness
168 of the Vietnam Service Medal, followed by the registration
169 license number of the plate. Proof that the applicant was
170 awarded the Vietnam Service Medal is sufficient to establish
171 eligibility for the license plate.

172 (6) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
173 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
174 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)
175 which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident
176 of this state and a current or former member of the United

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177 States military who was deployed and served in Saudi Arabia,
178 Kuwait, or another area of the Persian Gulf during Operation
179 Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm; in Afghanistan during
180 Operation Enduring Freedom; or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi
181 Freedom, upon application to the department accompanied by proof
182 of active membership or former active duty status during one of
183 these operations and payment of the license tax for the vehicle
184 as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as
185 provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of the registration license
186 number prescribed by s. 320.06, is stamped with the words
187 "Operation Desert Shield," "Operation Desert Storm," "Operation
188 Enduring Freedom," or "Operation Iraqi Freedom," as appropriate,
189 and a likeness of the related campaign medal followed by the
190 registration license number of the plate. Proof that the
191 applicant was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Iraq
192 Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Global War on
193 Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is sufficient to establish
194 eligibility for the appropriate license plate.

195 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 296.11, Florida
196 Statutes, is amended to read:

197 296.11 Funds of home and disposition of moneys.—

198 (2) The home shall deposit all moneys received pursuant to
199 s. 296.15 in ~~into~~ the Grants and Donations Trust Fund. Such
200 moneys deposited in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund must be
201 expended for the common benefit of the residents of the home,
202 such as improved facilities, recreational equipment,
203 recreational supplies, and goods and services offered or
204 available to all residents, subject to the requirements of
205 chapter 216.

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206 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 296.38, Florida
207 Statutes, is amended to read:

208 296.38 Funds of home and disposition of moneys.-

209 (2) (a) The home may ~~shall be empowered to~~ receive and
210 accept gifts, grants, and endowments ~~in the name of the home.~~
211 All such gifts, grants, and endowments shall ~~are to~~ be used for
212 the benefit of the home and its residents. In the absence of a
213 specific directive from the benefactor, the administrator and,
214 ~~together with~~ the director may, ~~shall have the authority to~~
215 determine how these gifts, grants, and endowments will ~~could~~
216 best benefit the home and its residents ~~unless the benefactor~~
217 ~~requests or instructs that the gift, grant, or endowment be used~~
218 ~~for a specific purpose.~~ The home shall deposit all moneys
219 received pursuant to this subsection in ~~into~~ the Grants and
220 Donations Trust Fund. Such moneys deposited in the Grants and
221 Donations Trust Fund shall be expended for the common benefit of
222 the residents of the home, such as recreational equipment and
223 supplies, improved facilities, ~~recreational supplies,~~ and goods
224 and services offered or available to all residents.

225 (b) The home shall deposit all moneys received pursuant to
226 s. 320.089(1)(c) from the sale of Woman Veteran license plates
227 in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund. Notwithstanding
228 paragraph (a), all such moneys must be expended solely for the
229 purpose of creating and implementing programs that benefit women
230 veterans.

231 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.