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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 Grants 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; providing an  
17          effective date.

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

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

23       320.089 Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; members  
24       of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart and  
25       Bronze Star medal recipients; active or retired United States  
26       Armed Forces reservists; Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical  
27       Badge, or Combat Action Badge recipients; Combat Action Ribbon  
28       recipients; Air Force Combat Action Medal recipients;  
29       Distinguished Flying Cross recipients; former prisoners of war;

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

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

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

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

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

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88 ~~20.375(3)~~ and must be used solely for the purpose of creating  
89 and implementing programs to benefit women veterans.  
90 Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, an  
91 applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a Purple  
92 Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled veteran's  
93 license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the appropriate  
94 special license plate without payment of the license tax imposed  
95 by s. 320.08.

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

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

116 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the consent

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

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

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

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146 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall  
147 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in  
148 lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,  
149 is stamped with the words "Korean War Veteran" and a likeness of  
150 the Korean Service Medal, followed by the registration license  
151 number of the plate. Proof that the applicant was awarded the  
152 Korean Service Medal is sufficient to establish eligibility for  
153 the license plate.

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

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

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

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

196 296.11 Funds of home and disposition of moneys.—

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

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204 chapter 216.

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

207 296.38 Funds of home and disposition of moneys.—

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

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