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The Committee on Transportation (Brandes) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (905658) (with directory and title amendments)

Delete lines 167 - 175 and insert:

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(3) (a) Registration license plates must be made of metal specially treated with a retroreflection material, as specified by the department. The registration license plate is designed to increase nighttime visibility and legibility and must be at least 6 inches wide and not less than 12 inches in length,

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unless a plate with reduced dimensions is deemed necessary by the department to accommodate motorcycles, mopeds, or similar smaller vehicles. Validation stickers must also be treated with a retroreflection material, must be of such size as specified by the department, and must adhere to the license plate. The registration license plate must be imprinted with a combination of bold letters and numerals or numerals, not to exceed seven digits, to identify the registration license plate number. The license plate must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the name of the county in which it is sold, the state motto, or the words "Sunshine State" at the bottom. Apportioned license plates must have the word "Apportioned" at the bottom and license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(3)(d), (4)(m) or (n), (5)(b) or (c), or (14) must have the word "Restricted" at the bottom. License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the word "Dealer" at the bottom unless the license plate is a specialty license plate as authorized in s. 320.08056. Manufacturer license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the word "Manufacturer" at the bottom. License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(5)(d) or (e) must be imprinted with the word "Wrecker" at the bottom. Any county may, upon majority vote of the county commission, elect to have the county name removed from the license plates sold in that county. The state motto or the words "Sunshine State" shall be printed in lieu thereof. A license plate issued for a vehicle taxed under s. 320.08(6) may not be assigned a registration license number, or be issued with any

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other distinctive character or designation, that distinguishes the motor vehicle as a for-hire motor vehicle.

Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 320.0607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.0607 Replacement license plates, validation decal, or mobile home sticker.-

(5) Upon the issuance of an original license plate, the applicant shall pay a fee of \$28 to be deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. Beginning October 1, 2019, this subsection does not apply to a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan.

Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 320.0657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.0657 Permanent registration; fleet license plates.-(2)

(b) The plates, which shall be of a distinctive color, shall have the word "Fleet" appearing at the bottom and the word "Florida" appearing at the top unless the license plate is a specialty license plate as authorized in s. 320.08056. The plates shall conform in all respects to the provisions of this chapter, except as specified herein. For additional fees as set forth in s. 320.08056, fleet companies may purchase specialty license plates in lieu of the standard fleet license plates. Fleet companies shall be responsible for all costs associated with the specialty license plate, including all annual use fees, processing fees, fees associated with switching license plate types, and any other applicable fees.

Section 6. Subsection (12) of section 320.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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320.08 License taxes.—Except as otherwise provided herein, there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as defined in s. 316.003(3), tri-vehicles as defined in s. 316.003, and mobile homes as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid to and collected by the department or its agent upon the registration or renewal of registration of the following:

(12) DEALER AND MANUFACTURER LICENSE PLATES.—A franchised motor vehicle dealer, independent motor vehicle dealer, marine boat trailer dealer, or mobile home dealer and manufacturer license plate: \$17 flat, of which \$4.50 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. For additional fees as set forth in s. 320.08056, dealers may purchase specialty license plates in lieu of the standard graphic dealer license plates. Dealers shall be responsible for all costs associated with the specialty license plate, including all annual use fees, processing fees, fees associated with switching license plate types, and any other applicable fees.

Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.08056 Specialty license plates.-

- (2)(a) The department shall issue a specialty license plate to the owner or lessee of any motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, a commercial truck required to display two license plates pursuant to s. 320.0706, or a truck tractor, upon request and payment of the appropriate license tax and fees.
- (b) The department may authorize dealer and fleet specialty license plates. With the permission of the sponsoring specialty



98 license plate organization, a dealer or fleet company may 99 purchase specialty license plates to be used on dealer and fleet 100 vehicles. 101 (c) Notwithstanding s. 320.08058, a dealer or fleet 102 specialty license plate must include the letters "DLR" or "FLT" 103 on the right side of the license plate. Dealer and fleet 104 specialty license plates must be ordered directly through the 105 department. 106 107 ===== DIRECTORY CLAUSE AMENDMENT ===== 108 And the directory clause is amended as follows: 109 Delete lines 116 - 117 110 and insert: 111 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph 112 (a) of subsection (3) of section 320.06, Florida Statutes, are 113 amended to read: 114 ======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= 115 And the title is amended as follows: 116 117 Delete lines 238 - 241 118 and insert: 119 certain circumstances; providing an exception to the 120 design of dealer license plates for specialty license 121 plates; amending s. 320.0607, F.S.; providing an 122 exemption, beginning on a specified date, from a 123 certain fee for vehicles registered under the 124 International Registration Plan; amending s. 320.0657, 125 F.S.; providing an exception to the design of fleet 126 license plates for specialty license plates;

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authorizing fleet companies to purchase specialty license plates in lieu of the standard fleet license plates for additional specified fees; requiring fleet companies to be responsible for all costs associated with the specialty license plate; amending s. 320.08, F.S.; authorizing dealers to purchase specialty license plates in lieu of the standard graphic dealer license plates for additional specified fees; requiring dealers to be responsible for all costs associated with the specialty license plate; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; allowing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to authorize dealer and fleet specialty license plates; authorizing a dealer or fleet company to purchase specialty license plates to be used on dealer and fleet vehicles with the permission of the sponsoring specialty license plate organization; requiring a dealer or fleet specialty license plate to include specified letters on the right side of the license plate; requiring dealer and fleet specialty license plates to be ordered directly through the department; amending s. 812.014,