

By Senator Thurston

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Divine Nine specialty license
 3 plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising
 4 distribution of annual use fees from the sale of the
 5 plates; providing eligibility requirements for
 6 issuance of a plate; authorizing a plate to be
 7 personalized and to be displayed on certain vehicles;
 8 prohibiting the transfer of a plate between vehicle
 9 owners; providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Subsection (101) of section 320.08058, Florida
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

16 (101) DIVINE NINE LICENSE PLATES.—

17 (a) The department shall develop a Divine Nine license
 18 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053 using a
 19 standard template and a unique logo, graphic, or color for each
 20 of the organizations listed in sub-subparagraphs (b)3.a.-i.
 21 ~~(b)2.a.-i.~~ The plate must bear the colors and design approved by
 22 the department, and must include the official logo, graphic, or
 23 color as appropriate for each organization. The word "Florida"
 24 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Divine Nine"
 25 must appear at the bottom of the plate.

26 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
 27 distributed as follows:

28 1. Five percent of the proceeds shall be distributed to the
 29 United Negro College Fund, Inc., for college scholarships for

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30 Florida residents attending Florida's historically black
31 colleges and universities.

32 2. Ten percent of the proceeds shall be distributed to the
33 Association to Preserve African-American Society, History, and
34 Tradition (PAST), Inc., solely for the marketing of the plate.

35 3.2. The remaining 85 ~~95~~ percent of the proceeds shall be
36 distributed to one of the following organizations as selected by
37 the purchaser of the plate who, upon fulfilling the requirements
38 of paragraph (c), shall receive a license plate with the logo,
39 graphic, or color associated with the appropriate recipient
40 organization:

41 a. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. —

42 ~~(I)~~ Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the Florida
43 Federation of Alpha Chapters, Inc., to promote community
44 awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural
45 service activities within this state.

46 ~~(II) Ten percent shall be distributed to the Florida~~
47 ~~Federation of Alpha Chapters, Inc., solely for the marketing of~~
48 ~~the plate.~~

49 b. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. —

50 ~~(I)~~ Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the Alpha
51 Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc., to promote
52 community awareness and action through educational, economic,
53 and cultural service activities within this state.

54 ~~(II) Ten percent shall be distributed to the Alpha Kappa~~
55 ~~Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc., solely for the~~
56 ~~marketing of the plate.~~

57 c. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. —

58 ~~(I)~~ Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the

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59 Southern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., to
60 promote community awareness and action through educational,
61 economic, and cultural service activities within this state.

62 ~~(II) Ten percent shall be distributed to the Southern~~
63 ~~Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., solely for the~~
64 ~~marketing of the plate.~~

65 d. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. —

66 ~~(I) Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the State~~
67 ~~of Florida Omega Friendship Foundation, Inc., to promote~~
68 ~~community awareness and action through educational, economic,~~
69 ~~and cultural service activities within this state.~~

70 ~~(II) Ten percent shall be distributed to the State of~~
71 ~~Florida Omega Friendship Foundation, Inc., solely for the~~
72 ~~marketing of the plate.~~

73 e. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. —

74 ~~(I) Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the Delta~~
75 ~~Research and Educational Foundation, Inc., to promote community~~
76 ~~awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural~~
77 ~~service activities within this state.~~

78 ~~(II) Ten percent shall be distributed to the Delta Research~~
79 ~~and Educational Foundation, Inc., solely for the marketing of~~
80 ~~the plate.~~

81 f. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. —

82 ~~(I) Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the TMB~~
83 ~~Charitable Foundation, Inc., to promote community awareness and~~
84 ~~action through educational, economic, and cultural service~~
85 ~~activities within this state.~~

86 ~~(II) Ten percent shall be distributed to the TMB Charitable~~
87 ~~Foundation, Inc., solely for the marketing of the plate.~~

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88 g. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. —

89 ~~(I) Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the Florida~~
90 ~~Pearls, Inc., to promote community awareness and action through~~
91 ~~educational, economic, and cultural service activities within~~
92 ~~this state.~~

93 ~~(II) Ten percent shall be distributed to the Florida~~
94 ~~Pearls, Inc., solely for the marketing of the plate.~~

95 h. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. —

96 ~~(I) Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the Sigma~~
97 ~~Gamma Rho Sorority National Education Fund, Inc., to promote~~
98 ~~community awareness and action through educational, economic,~~
99 ~~and cultural service activities within this state.~~

100 ~~(II) Ten percent shall be distributed to the Sigma Gamma~~
101 ~~Rho Sorority National Education Fund, Inc., solely for the~~
102 ~~marketing of the plate.~~

103 i. Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. —

104 ~~(I) Eighty-five percent shall be distributed to the~~
105 ~~National Iota Foundation, Inc., to promote community awareness~~
106 ~~and action through educational, economic, and cultural service~~
107 ~~activities within this state.~~

108 ~~(II) Ten percent shall be distributed to the National Iota~~
109 ~~Foundation, Inc., solely for the marketing of the plate.~~

110 (c)1. To be eligible for issuance of a Divine Nine license
111 plate representing an organization listed in sub-subparagraphs
112 (b)3.a.-i., a person must be a resident of this state who is the
113 registered owner of a motor vehicle and who is a member of the
114 applicable organization. The person must also present proof of
115 membership in the organization, which may be established by:

116 a. A card distributed by the organization indicating the

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117 person's membership in the organization; or

118 b. A written letter on the organization's letterhead which
119 is signed by the organization's national president or his or her
120 designated official and which states that the person was
121 inducted into the organization.

122 2. Proof of membership in an organization listed in sub-
123 subparagraphs (b)3.a.-i. is required only for initial issuance
124 of a Divine Nine license plate. A person need not present such
125 proof for renewal of the license plate.

126 (d) A Divine Nine license plate:

127 1. May be personalized.

128 2. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, may be
129 displayed on a privately owned passenger motor vehicle, pickup
130 truck, motorcycle, boat, or pleasure motor vehicle including,
131 but not limited to, a recreational vehicle.

132 3. May not be transferred between vehicle owners.

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134 License plates created pursuant to this subsection shall have
135 their plate sales combined for the purpose of meeting the
136 minimum license plate sales threshold in s. 320.08056(8)(a) and
137 for determining the license plate limit in s. 320.08053(3)(b).

138 License plates created pursuant to this subsection must be
139 ordered directly from the department.

140 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2021.