

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending
3 s. 320.08053, F.S.; authorizing a credit for or refund
4 of the annual use fee if a specified condition is met;
5 providing that the Department of Highway Safety and
6 Motor Vehicles may not issue any new specialty license
7 plates until a sufficient number of plates are
8 discontinued; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; providing
9 an exception to the requirement that specialty license
10 plate annual use fees and interest earned from those
11 fees only be expended in this state; requiring the
12 department to discontinue an independent college or
13 university's existing specialty license plate if the
14 college or university elects to use the standard
15 template specialty license plate; amending s.
16 320.08058, F.S.; requiring the department to develop
17 specified specialty license plates; providing for the
18 distribution and use of fees collected from the sale
19 of such plates; providing an effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph
24 (b) of subsection (3) of section 320.08053, Florida Statutes,
25 are amended to read:

26 | 320.08053 Establishment of specialty license plates.—

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28 | (b) Within 24 months after the presale specialty license
 29 | plate voucher is established, the approved specialty license
 30 | plate organization must record with the department a minimum of
 31 | 3,000 voucher sales, or in the case of an out-of-state college
 32 | or university license plate, 4,000 voucher sales, before
 33 | manufacture of the license plate may commence. If, at the
 34 | conclusion of the 24-month presale period, the minimum sales
 35 | requirement has not been met, the specialty plate is
 36 | deauthorized and the department shall discontinue development of
 37 | the plate and discontinue issuance of the presale vouchers. Upon
 38 | deauthorization of the license plate or if the plate has met the
 39 | presale requirement but has not been issued, a purchaser of the
 40 | license plate voucher may use the annual use fee collected as a
 41 | credit towards any other specialty license plate or apply for a
 42 | refund on a form prescribed by the department.

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44 | (b) If the Legislature has approved 150 or more specialty
 45 | license plates, the department may not issue ~~make~~ any new
 46 | specialty license plates ~~available for design or issuance~~ until
 47 | a sufficient number of plates are discontinued pursuant to s.
 48 | 320.08056(8) such that the number of plates being issued does
 49 | not exceed 150. Notwithstanding s. 320.08056(8) (a), the 150-
 50 | license-plate limit includes license plates above the minimum

51 sales threshold and those exempt from that threshold.

52 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) and subsection
53 (12) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, are amended to
54 read:

55 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

56 (10) (a) A specialty license plate annual use fee collected
57 and distributed under this chapter, or any interest earned from
58 those fees, may not be used for commercial or for-profit
59 activities nor for general or administrative expenses, except as
60 authorized by s. 320.08058 or to pay the cost of the audit or
61 report required by s. 320.08062(1). The fees and any interest
62 earned from the fees may be expended only for use in this state
63 unless the annual use fee is derived from the sale of United
64 States Armed Forces and veterans-related specialty license
65 plates pursuant to paragraph (3) (d) for the Support Our Troops,
66 ~~and American Legion,~~ and Honor Flight license plates; paragraphs
67 (4) (b), (q), and (v) for the Florida Salutes Veterans, United
68 States Marine Corps, and Military Services license plates,
69 respectively; and s. 320.0891 for the U.S. Paratrooper license
70 plate.

71 (12) Notwithstanding s. 320.08058(3) (a), the department,
72 in cooperation with the independent colleges or universities as
73 defined in s. 1009.89 or s. 1009.891, shall create a standard
74 template specialty license plate with a unique logo or graphic
75 identifying each independent college or university. Each

76 independent college or university may elect to use this standard
 77 template specialty license plate in lieu of its own specialty
 78 license plate. Annual use fees from the sale of these license
 79 plates shall be distributed to the independent college or
 80 university for which the logo or graphic is displayed on the
 81 license plate and shall be used as provided in s. 320.08058(3).
 82 Independent colleges or universities opting to use the standard
 83 template specialty license plate shall have their plate sales
 84 combined for purposes of meeting the minimum license plate sales
 85 threshold in paragraph (8)(a) and for determining the license
 86 plate limit in s. 320.08053(3)(b). Specialty license plates
 87 created pursuant to this subsection must be ordered directly
 88 from the department. If the independent college or university
 89 elects to use the standard template specialty license plate, the
 90 department shall discontinue the existing specialty license
 91 plate.

92 Section 3. Subsections (112) through (117) are added to
 93 section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

94 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

95 (112) FLORIDA STATE PARKS LICENSE PLATES.—

96 (a) The department shall develop a Florida State Parks
 97 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The
 98 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
 99 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
 100 plate, and the words "Explore Our State Parks" must appear at

101 the bottom of the plate.

102 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall
103 be distributed to the Florida State Parks Foundation, Inc., a
104 nonprofit Florida corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal
105 Revenue Code, the mission of which is to preserve, protect,
106 sustain, and grow Florida state parks. Up to 10 percent of the
107 fees may be used for marketing of the plate and costs directly
108 associated with administration of the foundation.

109 (113) HONOR FLIGHT LICENSE PLATES.—

110 (a) The department shall develop an Honor Flight license
111 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate
112 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
113 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
114 words "Honor Flight" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

115 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall
116 be distributed equally among the Honor Flight Network hubs in
117 this state, each of which is a nonprofit corporation under s.
118 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to be used as follows:

119 1. Up to 10 percent of the fees may be used for promotion
120 and marketing of the license plate.

121 2. The remaining fees shall be used to further the Honor
122 Flight Network's mission of transporting military veterans to
123 Washington, D.C., in order to visit the memorials dedicated to
124 honoring those who have served and sacrificed for the United
125 States.

(114) BISCAYNE BAY LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Biscayne Bay license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Protect Biscayne Bay" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed to The Miami Foundation, a Florida nonprofit corporation, to be used as follows:

1. Up to 10 percent of the fees may be used for promotion and marketing of the license plate and for direct reimbursement for administrative costs, startup costs, and costs incurred in the development and approval process of the license plate. All vendors associated with administrative costs shall be selected by competitive bid.

2. The remaining fees shall be used to raise awareness and support the mission and efforts of conserving Biscayne Bay. The Miami Foundation Board of Trustees must approve and is accountable for all such expenditures.

(115) DISEASE PREVENTION & EARLY DETECTION LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Disease Prevention & Early Detection license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by

151 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
152 plate, and the words "Disease Prevention & Early Detection" must
153 appear at the bottom of the plate.

154 (b) The license plate annual use fees shall be distributed
155 to The Women's Breast & Heart Initiative, Florida Affiliate,
156 Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation, which may use a maximum
157 of 10 percent of the proceeds to promote and market the plate.
158 The remainder of the proceeds shall be used by The Women's
159 Breast & Heart Initiative, Florida Affiliate, Inc., to provide
160 increased education and awareness relating to early detection,
161 prevention, and screening of breast and heart issues.

162 (116) PROTECT MARINE WILDLIFE LICENSE PLATES.-

163 (a) The department shall develop a Protect Marine Wildlife
164 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The
165 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
166 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
167 plate, and the words "Protect Marine Wildlife" must appear at
168 the bottom of the plate.

169 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the
170 Protect Wild Dolphins Alliance, Inc., which may use up to 10
171 percent of the proceeds for administration, promotion, and
172 marketing of the plate. All remaining proceeds shall be used by
173 the Protect Wild Dolphins Alliance, Inc., to fund its
174 conservation, research, and educational programs that focus on
175 the conservation of Florida's threatened and protected marine

176 wildlife species.

177 (117) 30A.COM/SCENIC WALTON LICENSE PLATES.—

178 (a) The department shall develop a 30A.com/Scenic Walton
179 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The
180 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
181 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
182 plate, and the words "Support Scenic Walton" must appear at the
183 bottom of the plate.

184 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall
185 be distributed to Scenic Walton, Inc., a nonprofit Florida
186 corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to
187 be used to preserve and enhance the beauty and safety of Walton
188 County. Up to 10 percent of the fees may be used for marketing
189 of the plate and costs directly associated with administration
190 of Scenic Walton, Inc.

191 Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2021.