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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and
Economic Development)

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending
3 s. 320.08053, F.S.; revising presale voucher sales
4 requirements for specialty license plates; requiring
5 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to
6 extend the presale period by a specified amount of
7 time for certain approved specialty license plate
8 organizations; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; revising
9 the calculation of certain independent college and
10 university specialty license plate sales for certain
11 determinations; requiring the department to continue
12 to collect annual use fees for certain discontinued or
13 replaced plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising
14 annual use fee distributions from the sale of the Live
15 the Dream license plate; providing for the award of
16 scholarships to certain students through a competitive
17 application process; providing for fiscal oversight by
18 a certified public accounting firm; requiring the
19 department to develop a Blue Angels motorcycle
20 specialty license plate; specifying a design
21 requirement for the plate; requiring that the number
22 of valid Blue Angels motor vehicle and motorcycle
23 specialty license plates be added together for
24 purposes of a certain determination; directing the
25 department to develop Inter Miami CF, Safe Haven for
26 Newborns, Pap Corps Champions for Cancer Research,



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27 Learn to Fly, Florida Swims, Ethical Ecotourism, Down
28 Syndrome Awareness, Gopher Tortoise, and I Make Things
29 license plates; providing for distribution and use of
30 fees collected from the sale of such license plates;
31 providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision;
32 providing effective dates.

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

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36 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
37 320.08053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

38 320.08053 Establishment of specialty license plates.-
39 (2)

40 (b) Within 24 months after the presale specialty license
41 plate voucher is established, the approved specialty license
42 plate organization must record with the department a minimum of
43 2,500 ~~3,000~~ voucher sales, ~~or in the case of an out-of-state~~
44 ~~college or university license plate, 4,000 voucher sales,~~ before
45 manufacture of the license plate may commence. The department
46 shall extend this presale period by an additional 24 months for
47 an approved specialty license plate organization that, as of the
48 effective date of this act, is in the presale period but has not
49 recorded at least 2,500 voucher sales. If, at the conclusion of
50 the ~~24-month~~ presale period, the minimum sales requirement has
51 not been met, the specialty plate is deauthorized, and the
52 department shall discontinue development of the plate and
53 discontinue issuance of the presale vouchers. Upon
54 deauthorization of the license plate or if the plate has met the
55 presale requirement but has not been issued, a purchaser of the



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56 license plate voucher may use the annual use fee collected as a
57 credit towards any other specialty license plate or apply for a
58 refund on a form prescribed by the department.

59 Section 2. Subsection (12) of section 320.08056, Florida
60 Statutes, is amended to read:

61 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

62 (12) Notwithstanding s. 320.08058(3)(a), the department, in
63 cooperation with the independent colleges or universities as
64 described in s. 1009.89, shall create a standard template
65 specialty license plate with a unique logo or graphic
66 identifying each independent college or university. Each
67 independent college or university may elect to use this standard
68 template specialty license plate in lieu of its own specialty
69 license plate. Annual use fees from the sale of these license
70 plates shall be distributed to the independent college or
71 university for which the logo or graphic is displayed on the
72 license plate and shall be used as provided in s. 320.08058(3).
73 An independent college or university ~~colleges or universities~~
74 opting to use the standard template specialty license plate
75 shall have the standard template specialty license ~~their~~ plate
76 sales added to the total number of remaining current valid
77 registrations under paragraph (8)(c) for the formerly separate
78 independent college and university license plates which were
79 issued before the independent college or university elected to
80 use the standard template specialty license plate ~~combined~~
81 for purposes of the standard template specialty license plate
82 meeting the minimum license plate sales threshold in paragraph
83 (8)(a) and for determining the license plate limit in s.
84 320.08053(3)(b). Specialty license plates created pursuant to



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85 this subsection must be ordered directly from the department. If
86 the independent college or university elects to use the standard
87 template specialty license plate, the department shall
88 discontinue the existing specialty license plate and,
89 notwithstanding paragraph (8)(c), shall continue to collect the
90 applicable specialty license plate annual use fee under
91 paragraph (3)(d) or subsection (4) for the remainder of the 10-
92 year license plate replacement period for the existing plate
93 being discontinued or being replaced with the standard template
94 specialty license plate.

95 Section 3. Effective October 1, 2022, subsections (47) and
96 (79) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, are amended, and
97 subsections (119) through (127) are added to that section, to
98 read:

99 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

100 (47) LIVE THE DREAM LICENSE PLATES.—

101 (a) The department shall develop a Live the Dream license
102 plate as provided in this section. Live the Dream license plates
103 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
104 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
105 words "Live the Dream" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

106 (b) The proceeds of the annual use fee shall be distributed
107 to the Dream Foundation, Inc., to be used in the following
108 manner:

109 1. Up to 5 percent may be used to administer, promote, and
110 market the license plate.

111 2. At least 40 ~~60~~ percent shall be distributed equally
112 among the sickle cell organizations that are Florida members of
113 the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., for



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114 programs that provide research, care, and treatment for sickle
115 cell disease.

116 3. At least 10 percent shall be used for programs and
117 services provided directly by the Dream Foundation, Inc., which
118 assist inmates released from the custody of a county jail in
119 this state or a Department of Corrections facility in
120 successfully reentering the community.

121 4. At least 15 percent shall be distributed as grants for
122 programs and services throughout this state which assist inmates
123 released from the custody of a county jail in this state or a
124 Department of Corrections facility in successfully reentering
125 the community.

126 5. At least 25 ~~30~~ percent shall be distributed as
127 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in this state who
128 have at least one parent or legal guardian who is incarcerated,
129 for the purpose of attending a state university, a Florida
130 College System institution, a career center operated by a school
131 district under s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center
132 under s. 1002.34. Scholarships shall be awarded through a
133 competitive application process. Fiscal oversight of the
134 scholarship program shall be performed by a certified public
135 accounting firm ~~to Chapman Partnership, Inc., for programs that~~
136 provide relief from poverty, hunger, and homelessness.

137 6.4. Up to 5 percent may be distributed by the department
138 on behalf of the Dream Foundation, Inc., to The Martin Luther
139 King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc., as a
140 royalty for the use of the image of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

141 (79) BLUE ANGELS LICENSE PLATES.-

142 (a) The department shall develop a Blue Angels license



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143 plate for display on a motor vehicle and for display on a
144 motorcycle as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The
145 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
146 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
147 plate, and the words "Home of the Blue Angels" must appear at
148 the bottom of the plate. Any department-approved image must be
149 placed on the far left side of a plate for display on a
150 motorcycle.

151 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
152 distributed to the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, a nonprofit
153 Florida corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
154 Code, to fund the maintenance, programs, marketing, and projects
155 of the foundation, including the National Naval Aviation Museum
156 and the National Flight Academy in Pensacola. Up to 10 percent
157 of the funds received by the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation
158 may be used for marketing of the plate and costs directly
159 associated with the administration of the foundation. The Naval
160 Aviation Museum Foundation shall distribute 50 percent of the
161 funds to eligible programs and projects associated with the
162 National Flight Academy and the remainder of the funds to
163 eligible programs and projects associated with the National
164 Naval Aviation Museum.

165 (c) The number of valid specialty license plates issued for
166 display on a motor vehicle or on a motorcycle must be added
167 together to determine whether the specialty license plate must
168 be discontinued pursuant to s. 320.08056(8)(a).

169 (119) INTER MIAMI CF LICENSE PLATES.—

170 (a) The department shall develop an Inter Miami CF license
171 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate



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172 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
173 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
174 words "Inter Miami CF" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

175 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
176 distributed to Inter Miami CF Foundation Corporation, a
177 nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
178 Code, which may use a maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds to
179 promote and market the plate. The remainder of the proceeds
180 shall be used by Inter Miami CF Foundation Corporation to plan
181 and execute sports-based development and direct-service
182 community programs, initiatives, and events.

183 (120) SAFE HAVEN FOR NEWBORNS LICENSE PLATES.-

184 (a) The department shall develop a Safe Haven for Newborns
185 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The
186 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
187 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
188 plate, and the words "A Safe Haven for Newborns" must appear at
189 the bottom of the plate.

190 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
191 distributed to the Gloria M. Silverio Foundation, Incorporated,
192 a Florida nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the
193 Internal Revenue Code, the mission of which is to prevent infant
194 abandonment through awareness, education, and direct assistance.
195 Up to 10 percent of the fees may be used for marketing and
196 administration of the plate. The remaining funds shall be used
197 by the foundation to prevent infant abandonment through
198 awareness, education, and direct assistance.

199 (121) PAP CORPS CHAMPIONS FOR CANCER RESEARCH LICENSE
200 PLATES.-



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201 (a) The department shall develop a Pap Corps Champions for
202 Cancer Research license plate as provided in this section and s.
203 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by
204 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
205 plate, and the words "Cancer Research Matters" must appear at
206 the bottom of the plate.

207 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
208 distributed to the Papanicolaou Corps for Cancer Research, Inc.,
209 a Florida nonprofit corporation, as follows:

210 1. Up to 10 percent of the annual use fees must be used
211 for:

212 a. Promotion and marketing costs of the license plate; and
213 b. Reimbursing the corporation for administrative costs,
214 startup costs, and costs incurred in the development and
215 approval process of the license plate.

216 2. The remaining funds must be distributed with the
217 approval of and accountability to the board of directors of the
218 Pap Corps and must be used to promote and support awareness of
219 critical lifesaving cancer research by the Sylvester
220 Comprehensive Cancer Center through education, outreach, and
221 clinical research.

222 (122) LEARN TO FLY LICENSE PLATES.—

223 (a) The department shall develop a Learn to Fly license
224 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate
225 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
226 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
227 words "Learn to Fly" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

228 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
229 distributed to Florida's Lifted Youth Inc., a Florida nonprofit



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230 corporation, which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds to
231 promote and market the plate. The remainder of the proceeds
232 shall be used by Florida's Lifted Youth Inc., to assist
233 underprivileged youth and the children of fallen heroes to
234 establish careers in aviation.

235 (123) FLORIDA SWIMS LICENSE PLATES.—

236 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Swims license
237 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate
238 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
239 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
240 words "Swim for Life" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

241 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
242 distributed to the Swimming Pool Education and Safety
243 Foundation, Inc., doing business as Florida Swims, a nonprofit
244 organization under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
245 which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for
246 administration, promotion, and marketing of the plate. All
247 remaining proceeds shall be used by the Swimming Pool Education
248 and Safety Foundation, Inc., doing business as Florida Swims, to
249 promote swimming pool and water safety and to provide grants and
250 scholarships for childhood swimming lessons in this state.

251 (124) ETHICAL ECOTOURISM LICENSE PLATE.—

252 (a) The department shall develop an Ethical Ecotourism
253 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The
254 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
255 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
256 plate, and the words "Ethical Ecotourism" must appear at the
257 bottom of the plate.

258 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be



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259 distributed equally between the Florida Society for Ethical
260 Ecotourism, Inc., and Paddle Florida, Inc., each of which may
261 use up to 10 percent of its proceeds for administrative costs
262 and the marketing of the plate. The remaining proceeds must be
263 used by the Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism, Inc., to
264 provide environmental education and awareness that encourage
265 behaviors that contribute to the sustainability of Florida's
266 natural ecosystems and resources and by Paddle Florida, Inc., to
267 raise awareness about water conservation, wildlife preservation,
268 restoration of springs, and protection of waterways in this
269 state.

270 (125) DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS LICENSE PLATES.—

271 (a) The department shall develop a Down Syndrome Awareness
272 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The
273 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
274 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
275 plate, and the words "Down Syndrome Awareness" must appear at
276 the bottom of the plate.

277 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
278 distributed to Our City Beautiful, Inc., a Florida nonprofit
279 corporation. Up to 10 percent of the fees may be used for
280 administrative costs and marketing of the plate. Of the
281 remaining fees:

282 1. Fifty percent shall be used to build and maintain
283 HOLLAND, an affordable housing project for independent living
284 for persons with Down syndrome or other intellectual disability.

285 2. Fifteen percent shall be dedicated to Our City Beautiful
286 World Changer scholarships for Florida residents 18 years of age
287 or older with Down syndrome who wish to further their education



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288 at postsecondary educational institutions located in this state.

289 3. Thirty-five percent shall be used for grants to other
290 nonprofit organizations within this state to support housing,
291 educational scholarships, and employment assistance programs for
292 persons with Down syndrome or other intellectual disability.

293 (126) GOPHER TORTOISE LICENSE PLATES.—

294 (a) The department shall develop a Gopher Tortoise license
295 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate
296 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
297 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
298 words "Protect the Gopher Tortoise" must appear at the bottom of
299 the plate.

300 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
301 distributed to Wildlands Conservation, Inc., a nonprofit
302 corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to
303 fund gopher tortoise and commensal species research, education,
304 and conservation, as well as upland habitat protection,
305 restoration, and management in this state to benefit the gopher
306 tortoise and other upland species. Up to 10 percent of the funds
307 received by Wildlands Conservation, Inc., may be used for
308 marketing of the plate and costs directly associated with the
309 administration of the gopher tortoise protection program.
310 Wildlands Conservation, Inc., shall use and distribute the funds
311 to eligible Florida-based scientific, conservation, and
312 educational organizations for gopher tortoise, commensal
313 species, and upland habitat research, conservation, and
314 management.

315 (127) I MAKE THINGS LICENSE PLATES.—

316 (a) The department shall develop an I Make Things license



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317 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate
318 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
319 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
320 words "I Make Things" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

321 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
322 distributed to the Florida Manufacturing and Logistics Council,
323 Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation. Up to 10 percent of the
324 fees may be used for promotion and marketing costs of the
325 license plate and reimbursing the Florida Manufacturing and
326 Logistics Council, Inc., for administrative costs, startup
327 costs, and costs incurred in the development and approval
328 process of the plate. The remaining funds must be distributed
329 with the approval of, and accountability to, the board of
330 directors of the Florida Manufacturing and Logistics Council,
331 Inc., and must be used to promote and support programs that
332 increase interest in careers in manufacturing.

333 Section 4. The Division of Law Revision is directed to
334 replace the phrase "the effective date of this act" wherever it
335 occurs in this act with the date this act becomes a law.

336 Section 5. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
337 act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.