

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Bean

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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 combined specialty license plate sales for  
11      certain determinations; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.;  
12      revising annual use fee distributions from the sale of  
13      the Live the Dream license plate; providing for the  
14      award of scholarships to certain students through a  
15      competitive application process; providing for fiscal  
16      oversight by a certified public accounting firm;  
17      requiring the department to develop a Blue Angels  
18      motorcycle specialty license plate; specifying a  
19      design requirement for the plate; requiring that the  
20      number of valid Blue Angels motor vehicle and  
21      motorcycle specialty license plates be added together  
22      for purposes of a certain determination; directing the  
23      department to develop Inter Miami CF, Safe Haven for  
24      Newborns, Pap Corps Champions for Cancer Research,  
25      Learn to Fly, Florida Swims, Ethical Ecotourism, and  
26      Down Syndrome Awareness license plates; providing for  
27      distribution and use of fees collected from the sale  
28      of such license plates; providing a directive to the  
29      Division of Law Revision; providing effective dates.

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

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

320.08053 Establishment of specialty license plates.—

(2)

(b) Within 24 months after the presale specialty license plate voucher is established, the approved specialty license plate organization must record with the department a minimum of 2,500 ~~3,000~~ voucher sales, ~~or in the case of an out-of-state college or university license plate, 4,000 voucher sales,~~ before manufacture of the license plate may commence. The department shall extend this presale period by an additional 24 months for an approved specialty license plate organization that, as of the effective date of this act, is in the presale period but has not recorded at least 2,500 voucher sales. If, at the conclusion of the ~~24-month~~ presale period, the minimum sales requirement has not been met, the specialty plate is deauthorized, and the department shall discontinue development of the plate and discontinue issuance of the presale vouchers. Upon deauthorization of the license plate or if the plate has met the presale requirement but has not been issued, a purchaser of the license plate voucher may use the annual use fee collected as a credit towards any other specialty license plate or apply for a refund on a form prescribed by the department.

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

320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

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59 (12) Notwithstanding s. 320.08058(3)(a), the department, in  
60 cooperation with the independent colleges or universities as  
61 described in s. 1009.89, shall create a standard template  
62 specialty license plate with a unique logo or graphic  
63 identifying each independent college or university. Each  
64 independent college or university may elect to use this standard  
65 template specialty license plate in lieu of its own specialty  
66 license plate. Annual use fees from the sale of these license  
67 plates shall be distributed to the independent college or  
68 university for which the logo or graphic is displayed on the  
69 license plate and shall be used as provided in s. 320.08058(3).  
70 Independent colleges or universities opting to use the standard  
71 template specialty license plate shall have their plate sales  
72 combined with previous individual independent college or  
73 university license plate sales for purposes of meeting the  
74 minimum license plate sales threshold in paragraph (8)(a) and  
75 for determining the license plate limit in s. 320.08053(3)(b).  
76 Specialty license plates created pursuant to this subsection  
77 must be ordered directly from the department. If the independent  
78 college or university elects to use the standard template  
79 specialty license plate, the department shall discontinue the  
80 existing specialty license plate.

81 Section 3. Effective October 1, 2022, subsections (47) and  
82 (79) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, are amended, and  
83 subsections (119) through (125) are added to that section, to  
84 read:

85 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

86 (47) LIVE THE DREAM LICENSE PLATES.—

87 (a) The department shall develop a Live the Dream license

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88 plate as provided in this section. Live the Dream license plates  
89 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The  
90 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the  
91 words "Live the Dream" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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

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

97 2. At least 40 ~~60~~ percent shall be distributed equally  
98 among the sickle cell organizations that are Florida members of  
99 the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., for  
100 programs that provide research, care, and treatment for sickle  
101 cell disease.

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

107 4. At least 15 percent shall be distributed as grants for  
108 programs and services throughout this state which assist inmates  
109 released from the custody of a county jail in this state or a  
110 Department of Corrections facility in successfully reentering  
111 the community.

112 5. At least 25 ~~30~~ percent shall be distributed as  
113 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in this state who  
114 have at least one parent or legal guardian who is incarcerated,  
115 for the purpose of attending a state university, a Florida  
116 College System institution, a career center operated by a school

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117 district under s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center  
118 under s. 1002.34. Scholarships shall be awarded through a  
119 competitive application process. Fiscal oversight of the  
120 scholarship program shall be performed by a certified public  
121 accounting firm to Chapman Partnership, Inc., for programs that  
122 provide relief from poverty, hunger, and homelessness.

123 ~~6.4.~~ Up to 5 percent may be distributed by the department  
124 on behalf of the Dream Foundation, Inc., to The Martin Luther  
125 King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc., as a  
126 royalty for the use of the image of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

127 (79) BLUE ANGELS LICENSE PLATES.—

128 (a) The department shall develop a Blue Angels license  
129 plate for display on a motor vehicle and for display on a  
130 motorcycle as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The  
131 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the  
132 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
133 plate, and the words "Home of the Blue Angels" must appear at  
134 the bottom of the plate. Any department-approved image must be  
135 placed on the far left side of a plate for display on a  
136 motorcycle.

137 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be  
138 distributed to the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, a nonprofit  
139 Florida corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
140 Code, to fund the maintenance, programs, marketing, and projects  
141 of the foundation, including the National Naval Aviation Museum  
142 and the National Flight Academy in Pensacola. Up to 10 percent  
143 of the funds received by the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation  
144 may be used for marketing of the plate and costs directly  
145 associated with the administration of the foundation. The Naval

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146 Aviation Museum Foundation shall distribute 50 percent of the  
147 funds to eligible programs and projects associated with the  
148 National Flight Academy and the remainder of the funds to  
149 eligible programs and projects associated with the National  
150 Naval Aviation Museum.

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

155 (119) INTER MIAMI CF LICENSE PLATES.-

156 (a) The department shall develop an Inter Miami CF license  
157 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate  
158 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The  
159 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the  
160 words "Inter Miami CF" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

161 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be  
162 distributed to Inter Miami CF Foundation Corporation, a  
163 nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue  
164 Code, which may use a maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds to  
165 promote and market the plate. The remainder of the proceeds  
166 shall be used by Inter Miami CF Foundation Corporation to plan  
167 and execute sports-based development and direct-service  
168 community programs, initiatives, and events.

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

170 (a) The department shall develop a Safe Haven for Newborns  
171 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The  
172 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the  
173 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
174 plate, and the words "A Safe Haven for Newborns" must appear at

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175 the bottom of the plate.

176 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be  
177 distributed to the Gloria M. Silverio Foundation, Incorporated,  
178 a Florida nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the  
179 Internal Revenue Code, the mission of which is to prevent infant  
180 abandonment through awareness, education, and direct assistance.  
181 Up to 10 percent of the fees may be used for marketing and  
182 administration of the plate. The remaining funds shall be used  
183 by the foundation to prevent infant abandonment through  
184 awareness, education, and direct assistance.

185 (121) PAP CORPS CHAMPIONS FOR CANCER RESEARCH LICENSE  
186 PLATES.—

187 (a) The department shall develop a Pap Corps Champions for  
188 Cancer Research license plate as provided in this section and s.  
189 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by  
190 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
191 plate, and the words "To Imagine and Help Create a World Without  
192 Cancer" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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

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

198 a. Promotion and marketing costs of the license plate; and  
199 b. Reimbursing the corporation for administrative costs,  
200 startup costs, and costs incurred in the development and  
201 approval process of the license plate.

202 2. The remaining funds must be distributed with the  
203 approval of and accountability to the board of directors of the

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204 Pap Corps and must be used to promote and support awareness of  
205 critical lifesaving cancer research by the Sylvester  
206 Comprehensive Cancer Center through education, outreach, and  
207 clinical research.

208 (122) LEARN TO FLY LICENSE PLATES.—

209 (a) The department shall develop a Learn to Fly license  
210 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate  
211 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The  
212 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the  
213 words "Learn to Fly" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

214 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be  
215 distributed to Florida's Lifted Youth Inc., a Florida nonprofit  
216 corporation, which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds to  
217 promote and market the plate. The remainder of the proceeds  
218 shall be used by Florida's Lifted Youth Inc., to assist  
219 underprivileged youth and the children of fallen heroes to  
220 establish careers in aviation.

221 (123) FLORIDA SWIMS LICENSE PLATES.—

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

227 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be  
228 distributed to the Swimming Pool Education and Safety  
229 Foundation, Inc., doing business as Florida Swims, a nonprofit  
230 organization under s. 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code,  
231 which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for  
232 administration, promotion, and marketing of the plate. All



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233 remaining proceeds shall be used by the Swimming Pool Education  
234 and Safety Foundation, Inc., doing business as Florida Swims, to  
235 promote swimming pool and water safety and to provide grants and  
236 scholarships for childhood swimming lessons in this state.

237 (124) ETHICAL ECOTOURISM LICENSE PLATE.—

238 (a) The department shall develop an Ethical Ecotourism  
239 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The  
240 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the  
241 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
242 plate, and the words "Ethical Ecotourism" must appear at the  
243 bottom of the plate.

244 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be  
245 distributed equally between the Florida Society for Ethical  
246 Ecotourism, Inc., and Paddle Florida, Inc., each of which may  
247 use up to 10 percent of its proceeds for administrative costs  
248 and the marketing of the plate. The remaining proceeds must be  
249 used by the Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism, Inc., to  
250 provide environmental education and awareness that encourage  
251 behaviors that contribute to the sustainability of Florida's  
252 natural ecosystems and resources and by Paddle Florida, Inc., to  
253 raise awareness about water conservation, wildlife preservation,  
254 restoration of springs, and protection of waterways in this  
255 state.

256 (125) DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS LICENSE PLATES.—

257 (a) The department shall develop a Down Syndrome Awareness  
258 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The  
259 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the  
260 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
261 plate, and the words "Down Syndrome Awareness" must appear at

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262 the bottom of the plate.

263 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be  
264 distributed to Our City Beautiful, Inc., a Florida nonprofit  
265 corporation. Up to 10 percent of the fees may be used for  
266 administrative costs and marketing of the plate. Of the  
267 remaining fees:

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

271 2. Fifteen percent shall be dedicated to Our City Beautiful  
272 World Changer scholarships for Florida residents 18 years of age  
273 or older with Down syndrome who wish to further their education  
274 at postsecondary educational institutions located in this state.

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

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

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