

**By** the Committees on Appropriations; and Transportation; and  
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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 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,  
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

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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  
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.

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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  
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

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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 25 ~~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  
114 programs that provide research, care, and treatment for sickle  
115 cell disease.

116 3. At least 8 percent shall be used for programs and

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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 20 percent shall be distributed as scholarships  
127 to graduating high school seniors in this state who have at  
128 least one parent or legal guardian who is incarcerated, for the  
129 purpose of attending a state university, a Florida College  
130 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.

136 6. At least ~~22~~ 30 percent shall be distributed to Chapman  
137 Partnership, Inc., for programs that provide relief from  
138 poverty, hunger, and homelessness.

139 ~~7.4.~~ Up to 5 percent may be distributed by the department  
140 on behalf of the Dream Foundation, Inc., to The Martin Luther  
141 King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc., as a  
142 royalty for the use of the image of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

143 (79) BLUE ANGELS LICENSE PLATES.—

144 (a) The department shall develop a Blue Angels license  
145 plate for display on a motor vehicle and for display on a

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

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

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

171 (119) INTER MIAMI CF LICENSE PLATES.—

172 (a) The department shall develop an Inter Miami CF license  
173 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate  
174 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The

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175 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the  
176 words "Inter Miami CF" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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

185 (120) SAFE HAVEN FOR NEWBORNS LICENSE PLATES.—

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

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

201 (121) PAP CORPS CHAMPIONS FOR CANCER RESEARCH LICENSE  
202 PLATES.—

203 (a) The department shall develop a Pap Corps Champions for

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204 Cancer Research license plate as provided in this section and s.  
205 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by  
206 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
207 plate, and the words "Cancer Research Matters" must appear at  
208 the bottom of the plate.

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

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

214 a. Promotion and marketing costs of the license plate; and

215 b. Reimbursing the corporation for administrative costs,  
216 startup costs, and costs incurred in the development and  
217 approval process of the license plate.

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

224 (122) LEARN TO FLY LICENSE PLATES.—

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

230 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be  
231 distributed to Florida's Lifted Youth Inc., a Florida nonprofit  
232 corporation, which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds to



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233 promote and market the plate. The remainder of the proceeds  
234 shall be used by Florida's Lifted Youth Inc., to assist  
235 underprivileged youth and the children of fallen heroes to  
236 establish careers in aviation.

237 (123) FLORIDA SWIMS LICENSE PLATES.—

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

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

253 (124) ETHICAL ECOTOURISM LICENSE PLATE.—

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

260 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be  
261 distributed equally between the Florida Society for Ethical

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

272 (125) DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS LICENSE PLATES.—

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

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

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

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

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

295 (126) GOPHER TORTOISE LICENSE PLATES.—

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

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

317 (127) I MAKE THINGS LICENSE PLATES.—

318 (a) The department shall develop an I Make Things license  
319 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate

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320 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The  
321 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the  
322 words "I Make Things" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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

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

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