

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Thompson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Divine Nine specialty license
3 plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; defining the term
4 "immediate relative"; revising eligibility
5 requirements for a Divine Nine license plate;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (101) of section
11 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

13 (101) DIVINE NINE LICENSE PLATES.—

14 (c)1. As used in this subsection, the term "immediate
15 relative" means a spouse, domestic partner, or child.

16 2. To be eligible for issuance of a Divine Nine license plate
17 representing an organization listed in sub-subparagraphs

18 (b)3.a.-i., a person must be a resident of this state who is the
19 registered owner or lessee of a motor vehicle and who either is
20 a member or an immediate relative of a member of the applicable
21 organization. The person must ~~also~~ present the following:

22 a. Proof of membership in the organization, which may be
23 established by:

24 (I)~~a.~~ A card distributed by the organization indicating the
25 person's membership in the organization; or

26 (II)~~b.~~ A written letter on the organization's letterhead
27 which is signed by the organization's national president or his
28 or her designated official and which states that the person was
29 inducted into the organization.

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30 b. If the person is a lessee of a motor vehicle, a lease
31 agreement and the vehicle identification number (VIN) for the
32 motor vehicle that is being leased.

33 c. If the person is an immediate relative of a member of
34 the organization, a marriage license, domestic partnership
35 agreement, birth certificate, or record of adoption, and proof
36 of membership as described in sub-subparagraph(c)1.a. of the
37 person's immediate relative.

38 3.2. Proof of membership in an organization listed in sub-
39 subparagraphs (b)3.a.-i. is required only for initial issuance
40 of a Divine Nine license plate. A person need not present such
41 proof for renewal of the license plate.

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43 License plates created pursuant to this subsection shall have
44 their plate sales combined for the purpose of meeting the
45 minimum license plate sales threshold in s. 320.08056(8)(a) and
46 for determining the license plate limit in s. 320.08053(3)(b).
47 License plates created pursuant to this subsection must be
48 ordered directly from the department.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.