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 2 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending
 3 s. 320.08056, F.S.; exempting collegiate license
 4 plates from certain discontinuation requirements for
 5 specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.;
 6 exempting collegiate license plates from certain
 7 presale voucher requirements for specialty license
 8 plates; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and
 9 Motor Vehicles to reauthorize previously discontinued
 10 collegiate license plates under certain circumstances;
 11 revising the distribution and use of fees collected
 12 from the sale of the Live the Dream license plate;
 13 revising the words appearing on the American Eagle
 14 license plate; revising eligibility requirements for
 15 issuance of a Divine Nine license plate; renaming the
 16 Give Kids The World license plate as the Universal
 17 Orlando Resort license plate; revising the words
 18 appearing on the license plate; directing the
 19 department to develop specified specialty license
 20 plates; providing for distribution and use of fees
 21 collected from the sale of the plates; providing an
 22 effective date.

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 24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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26 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (8) of section
 27 320.08056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

29 (8)

30 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), on January 1 of each
 31 year, the department shall discontinue the specialty license
 32 plate with the fewest number of plates in circulation, including
 33 license plates exempt from a statutory sales requirement. The
 34 department shall mail a warning letter to the sponsoring
 35 organizations of the 10 percent of specialty license plates with
 36 the lowest number of valid, active registrations as of December
 37 1 of each year. This paragraph does not apply to collegiate
 38 license plates established under s. 320.08058(3).

39 Section 2. Subsection (3), paragraph (b) of subsection
 40 (47), paragraph (a) of subsection (95), paragraph (c) of
 41 subsection (101), and subsection (107) of section 320.08058,
 42 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (127) through
 43 (135) are added to that section, to read:

44 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

45 (3) COLLEGIATE LICENSE PLATES.—

46 (a) The department shall develop a collegiate license
 47 plate as provided in this section for state and independent
 48 universities domiciled in this state. However, any collegiate
 49 license plate created or established after October 1, 2002, must
 50 comply with the requirements of s. 320.08053, other than the

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51 presale voucher requirements in s. 320.08053(2) (b), and be
52 specifically authorized by an act of the Legislature. Collegiate
53 license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the
54 department as appropriate for each state and independent
55 university. The word "Florida" must be stamped across the bottom
56 of the plate in small letters.

57 (b) A collegiate plate annual use fee is to be distributed
58 to the state or independent university foundation designated by
59 the purchaser for deposit in an unrestricted account. The Board
60 of Governors of the State University System shall require each
61 state university to submit a plan for approval of the
62 expenditure of all funds so designated. These funds may be used
63 only for academic enhancement, including scholarships and
64 private fundraising activities.

65 (c) If a collegiate license plate has previously been
66 discontinued pursuant to s. 320.08056(8) (f), the department must
67 reauthorize the collegiate license plate if the state or
68 independent university resubmits the collegiate license plate
69 for authorization.

70 (47) LIVE THE DREAM LICENSE PLATES.—

71 (a) The department shall develop a Live the Dream license
72 plate as provided in this section. Live the Dream license plates
73 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
74 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
75 words "Live the Dream" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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76 (b) The proceeds of the annual use fee shall be
 77 distributed ~~and to the Dream Foundation, Inc., to be used in the~~
 78 following manner:

79 1. Up to 5 percent may be distributed by the department to
 80 the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change,
 81 Inc., also known as the King Center, as a royalty for the use of
 82 the image of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr used to administer,
 83 ~~promote, and market the license plate.~~

84 2. All remaining annual proceeds from the sale of the
 85 plate shall be deposited into a separate account within the
 86 Historical Resources Operating Trust Fund and must be used to
 87 support the Historic Cemeteries Program established in s.
 88 267.21. Such funds must be used to research, identify, and
 89 record abandoned African-American cemeteries and provide grants
 90 to eligible entities pursuant to s. 267.21(2) At least 25
 91 ~~percent shall be distributed equally among the sickle cell~~
 92 ~~organizations that are Florida members of the Sickle Cell~~
 93 ~~Disease Association of America, Inc., for programs that provide~~
 94 ~~research, care, and treatment for sickle cell disease.~~

95 3. ~~At least 8 percent shall be used for programs and~~
 96 ~~services provided directly by the Dream Foundation, Inc., which~~
 97 ~~assist inmates released from the custody of a county jail in~~
 98 ~~this state or a Department of Corrections facility in~~
 99 ~~successfully reentering the community.~~

100 4. ~~At least 15 percent shall be distributed as grants for~~

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101 ~~programs and services throughout this state which assist inmates~~
 102 ~~released from the custody of a county jail in this state or a~~
 103 ~~Department of Corrections facility in successfully reentering~~
 104 ~~the community.~~

105 ~~5. At least 20 percent shall be distributed as~~
 106 ~~scholarships to graduating high school seniors in this state who~~
 107 ~~have at least one parent or legal guardian who is incarcerated,~~
 108 ~~for the purpose of attending a state university, a Florida~~
 109 ~~College System institution, a career center operated by a school~~
 110 ~~district under s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center~~
 111 ~~under s. 1002.34. Scholarships shall be awarded through a~~
 112 ~~competitive application process. Fiscal oversight of the~~
 113 ~~scholarship program shall be performed by a certified public~~
 114 ~~accounting firm.~~

115 ~~6. At least 22 percent shall be distributed to Chapman~~
 116 ~~Partnership, Inc., for programs that provide relief from~~
 117 ~~poverty, hunger, and homelessness.~~

118 ~~7. Up to 5 percent may be distributed by the department on~~
 119 ~~behalf of the Dream Foundation, Inc., to The Martin Luther King,~~
 120 ~~Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc., as a royalty for~~
 121 ~~the use of the image of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.~~

122 (95) AMERICAN EAGLE LICENSE PLATES.—

123 (a) The department shall develop an American Eagle license
 124 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate
 125 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The

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126 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
 127 words "Protect the Eagle ~~In God We Trust~~" must appear at the
 128 bottom of the plate.

129 (101) DIVINE NINE LICENSE PLATES.—

130 (c)1. As used in this paragraph, the term "immediate
 131 relative" means a spouse, domestic partner, or child.

132 2. To be eligible for issuance of a Divine Nine license
 133 plate representing an organization listed in sub-subparagraphs
 134 (b)3.a.-i., a person must be a resident of this state who is the
 135 registered owner or lessee of a motor vehicle and who is either
 136 a member or an immediate relative of a member of the applicable
 137 organization. The person must ~~also~~ present the following:

138 a. Proof of membership in the organization, which may be
 139 established by:

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

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

146 b. If the person is a lessee of a motor vehicle, a lease
 147 agreement and the vehicle identification number for the motor
 148 vehicle being leased.

149 c. If the person is an immediate relative of a member of
 150 the organization, a marriage license, a domestic partnership

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151 agreement, a birth certificate, or a record of adoption, and
 152 proof of membership as described in sub-subparagraph a. of the
 153 person's immediate relative.

154 ~~3.2.~~ Proof of membership in an organization listed in sub-
 155 subparagraphs (b)3.a.-i. is required only for initial issuance
 156 of a Divine Nine license plate. A person need not present such
 157 proof for renewal of the license plate.

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 159 License plates created pursuant to this subsection shall have
 160 their plate sales combined for the purpose of meeting the
 161 minimum license plate sales threshold in s. 320.08056(8) (a) and
 162 for determining the license plate limit in s. 320.08053(3) (b).
 163 License plates created pursuant to this subsection must be
 164 ordered directly from the department.

165 (107) UNIVERSAL ORLANDO RESORT ~~GIVE KIDS THE WORLD~~ LICENSE
 166 PLATES.—

167 (a) The department shall develop a Universal Orlando
 168 Resort ~~Give Kids The World~~ license plate as provided in this
 169 section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and
 170 design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must
 171 appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Universal Orlando
 172 Resort ~~Give Kids The World~~" must appear at the bottom of the
 173 plate.

174 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall
 175 be distributed to Give Kids The World, Inc., a nonprofit

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176 organization under s. 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Up
 177 to 10 percent of the proceeds may be used for the promotion and
 178 marketing of the plate. The remainder of the proceeds shall be
 179 used by Give Kids The World, Inc., to support their mission of
 180 providing week-long, cost-free vacations to children with
 181 critical illnesses and their families.

182 (127) MARGARITAVILLE LICENSE PLATES.-

183 (a) The department shall develop a Margaritaville license
 184 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate
 185 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
 186 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the word
 187 "Margaritaville" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

188 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
 189 distributed to the SFC Charitable Foundation, Inc., also known
 190 as Singing for Change, which may use up to 10 percent of such
 191 fees for administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The
 192 balance of the fees must be used by the SFC Charitable
 193 Foundation, Inc., and must be distributed with the approval of
 194 and accountability to the board of directors of the SFC
 195 Charitable Foundation, Inc., to provide grants to nonprofit
 196 organizations in communities impacted by natural or manmade
 197 disasters for recovery, rebuilding, and future sustainability in
 198 those communities and to promote and inspire local grassroots
 199 leadership that will work to improve the quality of life in
 200 those communities and others in this state.

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201 (128) CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM LICENSE PLATES.—
 202 (a) The department shall develop a Clearwater Marine
 203 Aquarium license plate as provided in this section and s.
 204 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by
 205 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
 206 plate, and the words "Clearwater Marine Aquarium" must appear at
 207 the bottom of the plate.

208 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
 209 distributed to Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Inc., a Florida
 210 nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
 211 Code, which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for the
 212 administration, promotion, and marketing of the plate. The
 213 remaining fees must be used by Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Inc.,
 214 to fund its efforts to rescue, rehabilitate, and release marine
 215 life; provide environmental education; conduct research; and
 216 promote conservation strategies.

217 (129) GENERAL AVIATION LICENSE PLATES.—

218 (a) The department shall develop a General Aviation
 219 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The
 220 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
 221 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
 222 plate, and the words "Support General Aviation" must appear at
 223 the bottom of the plate.

224 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
 225 distributed to the Aerospace Center for Excellence located in

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226 Lakeland. The Aerospace Center for Excellence may use up to 10
 227 percent of such fees for administrative costs and marketing of
 228 the plate. The balance of the fees must be used by the Aerospace
 229 Center for Excellence to fund scholarships for students in this
 230 state who are pursuing careers in the field of aviation.

231 (130) THE VILLAGES: MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE LICENSE
 232 PLATES.—

233 (a) The department shall develop a The Villages: May All
 234 Your Dreams Come True license plate as provided in this section
 235 and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design
 236 approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at
 237 the top of the plate, and the words "The Villages: May All Your
 238 Dreams Come True" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

239 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
 240 distributed to The Villages Charter School, Inc., a Florida
 241 nonprofit corporation. Up to 10 percent of the fees may be used
 242 for administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The
 243 remaining funds must be distributed with the approval of, and
 244 accountability to, the board of directors of The Villages
 245 Charter School, Inc., and must be used to provide support to The
 246 Villages Charter School as it provides K-12 education.

247 (131) CURE DIABETES LICENSE PLATES.—

248 (a) The department shall develop a Cure Diabetes license
 249 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate
 250 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The

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251 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
 252 words "Cure Diabetes" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

253 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
 254 distributed equally to the following organizations:

255 1. The Diabetes Research Institute Foundation, which
 256 supports the Diabetes Research Institute at the University of
 257 Miami Miller School of Medicine;

258 2. The JDRF International Incorporated, which supports the
 259 JDRF Northern Florida Chapter; and

260 3. The University of Florida Foundation, Inc., which
 261 supports the University of Florida Diabetes Institute.

262 (c) Each organization may use up to 10 percent of the
 263 proceeds received by the organization to promote and market the
 264 plate. All remaining proceeds must be used for the purpose of
 265 funding research to cure Type 1 diabetes.

266 (132) RECYCLE FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES.—

267 (a) The department shall develop a Recycle Florida license
 268 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate
 269 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
 270 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
 271 words "Recycle Florida" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

272 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
 273 distributed to the Recycle Florida Today Foundation, Inc., which
 274 may use up to 10 percent of such fees for administrative costs
 275 and marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees must be used

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276 by the Recycle Florida Today Foundation, Inc., to increase
 277 public awareness about the importance of recycling, resource
 278 conservation, and environmental stewardship; to promote robust,
 279 comprehensive, and sustainable recycling programs; and to
 280 support the professional development of persons employed in
 281 fields relating to recycling, conservation, and sustainability.

282 (133) BOATING CAPITAL OF THE WORLD LICENSE PLATES.—

283 (a) The department shall develop a Boating Capital of the
 284 World license plate as provided in this section and s.
 285 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by
 286 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
 287 plate, and the words "Boating Capital of the World" must appear
 288 at the bottom of the plate.

289 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
 290 distributed to Captain Sandy Yawn, Inc., which may use up to 10
 291 percent of such fees for administrative costs and marketing of
 292 the plate. The balance of the fees must be used by Captain Sandy
 293 Yawn, Inc., to increase public awareness of employment
 294 opportunities in the maritime industry; to fund maritime
 295 workforce instruction and training; to promote professional
 296 development and job placement in all sectors of maritime
 297 employment; and to support the advancement of education of
 298 trainees in the maritime industry, both at sea and on land.

299 (134) PROJECT ADDICTION: REVERSING THE STIGMA LICENSE
 300 PLATES.—

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301 (a) The department shall develop a Project Addiction:
 302 Reversing the Stigma license plate as provided in this section
 303 and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design
 304 approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at
 305 the top of the plate, and the words "Overdose Awareness" must
 306 appear at the bottom of the plate.

307 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
 308 distributed to Project Addiction: Reversing the Stigma, Inc., a
 309 Florida nonprofit corporation, as follows:

310 1. Up to 10 percent of the annual use fees may be used for
 311 the promotion and marketing costs of the license plate.

312 2. The remaining funds must be distributed with the
 313 approval of and accountability to the board of directors of
 314 Project Addiction: Reversing the Stigma, Inc., and must be used
 315 to promote and support awareness of and education about
 316 substance use disorder and mental illness.

317 (135) UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (USO) LICENSE PLATES.—

318 (a) The department shall develop a United Service
 319 Organizations (USO) license plate as provided in this section
 320 and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design
 321 approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at
 322 the top of the plate, and the acronym "USO" must appear at the
 323 bottom of the plate.

324 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
 325 distributed to United Service Organizations, Inc., a nonprofit

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326 | corporation under s. 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
327 | which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for administrative
328 | costs and marketing of the plate. United Service Organizations,
329 | Inc., must distribute the remainder of the fees equally among
330 | its ten locations in this state to be used to promote its
331 | mission of supporting members of the United States Armed Forces
332 | and their families through its various programs, services, and
333 | events.

334 | Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.