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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Harrell) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (8) of section
320.08056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

(8)

(f) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), on January 1 of each
year, the department shall discontinue the specialty license



11 plate with the fewest number of plates in circulation, including
12 license plates exempt from a statutory sales requirement. The
13 department shall mail a warning letter to the sponsoring
14 organizations of the 10 percent of specialty license plates with
15 the lowest number of valid, active registrations as of December
16 1 of each year. This paragraph does not apply to collegiate
17 license plates established under s. 320.08058(3).

18 Section 2. Subsections (3) and (47) and paragraph (c) of
19 subsection (101) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, are
20 amended, and subsections (127) through (135) are added to that
21 section, to read:

22 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

23 (3) COLLEGIATE LICENSE PLATES.—

24 (a) The department shall develop a collegiate license plate
25 as provided in this section for state and independent
26 universities domiciled in this state. However, any collegiate
27 license plate created or established after October 1, 2002, must
28 comply with all of the requirements of s. 320.08053 except the
29 presale requirements in s. 320.08053(2)(b) and be specifically
30 authorized by an act of the Legislature. Collegiate license
31 plates must bear the colors and design approved by the
32 department as appropriate for each state and independent
33 university. The word "Florida" must be stamped across the bottom
34 of the plate in small letters.

35 (b) A collegiate plate annual use fee is to be distributed
36 to the state or independent university foundation designated by
37 the purchaser for deposit in an unrestricted account. The Board
38 of Governors of the State University System shall require each
39 state university to submit a plan for approval of the



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40 expenditure of all funds so designated. These funds may be used
41 only for academic enhancement, including scholarships and
42 private fundraising activities.

43 (c) If a collegiate license plate has previously been
44 discontinued pursuant to s. 320.08056(8)(f), the college or
45 university represented by the discontinued plate or the state in
46 which the college or university is located may resubmit the
47 collegiate license plate to the department for reauthorization.

48 (47) LIVE THE DREAM LICENSE PLATES.—

49 (a) The department shall develop a Live the Dream license
50 plate as provided in this section. Live the Dream license plates
51 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
52 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
53 words "Live the Dream" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

54 (b) The proceeds of the annual use fee shall be ~~distributed~~
55 ~~to the Dream Foundation, Inc., to be used in the following~~
56 manner:

57 1. Up to 5 percent may be distributed by the department to
58 the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change,
59 Inc., as a royalty for the use of the image of Dr. Martin Luther
60 King, Jr.

61 2. All remaining annual proceeds from the sale of the plate
62 shall be deposited into a separate account within the Operating
63 Trust Fund within the Department of State and must be used to
64 support the Historic Cemeteries Program established in s.
65 267.21. Such funds must be used to research, identify, and
66 record abandoned African-American cemeteries and provide grants
67 to eligible entities pursuant to s. 267.21.

68 ~~1. Up to 5 percent may be used to administer, promote, and~~



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69 ~~market the license plate.~~

70 ~~2. At least 25 percent shall be distributed equally among~~
71 ~~the sickle cell organizations that are Florida members of the~~
72 ~~Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., for programs~~
73 ~~that provide research, care, and treatment for sickle cell~~
74 ~~disease.~~

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

80 ~~4. At least 15 percent shall be distributed as grants for~~
81 ~~programs and services throughout this state which assist inmates~~
82 ~~released from the custody of a county jail in this state or a~~
83 ~~Department of Corrections facility in successfully reentering~~
84 ~~the community.~~

85 ~~5. At least 20 percent shall be distributed as scholarships~~
86 ~~to graduating high school seniors in this state who have at~~
87 ~~least one parent or legal guardian who is incarcerated, for the~~
88 ~~purpose of attending a state university, a Florida College~~
89 ~~System institution, a career center operated by a school~~
90 ~~district under s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center~~
91 ~~under s. 1002.34. Scholarships shall be awarded through a~~
92 ~~competitive application process. Fiscal oversight of the~~
93 ~~scholarship program shall be performed by a certified public~~
94 ~~accounting firm.~~

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



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

102 (101) DIVINE NINE LICENSE PLATES.-

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

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

111 a. Proof of membership in the organization, which may be
112 established by:

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

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

119 b. If the person is a lessee of a motor vehicle, a lease
120 agreement and the vehicle identification number for the motor
121 vehicle being leased.

122 c. If the person is an immediate relative of a member of
123 the organization, a marriage license, a domestic partnership
124 agreement, a birth certificate, or a record of adoption, and
125 proof of membership as described in sub-subparagraph a. of the
126 person's immediate relative.



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127 3.2. Proof of membership in an organization listed in sub-
128 subparagraphs (b)3.a.-i. is required only for initial issuance
129 of a Divine Nine license plate. A person need not present such
130 proof for renewal of the license plate.

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132 License plates created pursuant to this subsection shall have
133 their plate sales combined for the purpose of meeting the
134 minimum license plate sales threshold in s. 320.08056(8)(a) and
135 for determining the license plate limit in s. 320.08053(3)(b).
136 License plates created pursuant to this subsection must be
137 ordered directly from the department.

138 (127) MARGARITAVILLE LICENSE PLATES.-

139 (a) The department shall develop a Margaritaville license
140 plate as provided in this section and in s. 320.08053. The plate
141 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
142 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the word
143 "Margaritaville" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

144 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
145 distributed to the SFC Charitable Foundation, Inc., also known
146 as Singing For Change, which may use up to 10 percent of such
147 fees for administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The
148 balance of the fees shall be used by the SFC Charitable
149 Foundation, Inc., and shall be distributed with the approval of
150 and accountability to the board of directors of the SFC
151 Charitable Foundation, Inc., to provide grants to nonprofit
152 organizations in communities impacted by natural or manmade
153 disasters for recovery, rebuilding, and future sustainability in
154 those communities, and to promote and inspire local grassroots
155 leadership that will work to improve the quality of life in



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156 those communities and others in this state.

157 (128) GENERAL AVIATION LICENSE PLATES.—

158 (a) The department shall develop a General Aviation license
159 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate
160 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
161 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
162 words "Support General Aviation" must appear at the bottom of
163 the plate.

164 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
165 distributed to the Aerospace Center for Excellence located in
166 Lakeland to fund scholarships for students in this state who are
167 pursuing careers in the field of aviation. The Aerospace Center
168 for Excellence may use up to 10 percent of such fees for
169 administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The balance of
170 the fees shall be used by the Aerospace Center for Excellence
171 for the organization's operations, activities, programs, or
172 projects.

173 (129) CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM LICENSE PLATES.—

174 (a) The department shall develop a Clearwater Marine
175 Aquarium license plate as provided in this section and s.
176 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by
177 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
178 plate, and the words "Clearwater Marine Aquarium" must appear at
179 the bottom of the plate.

180 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
181 distributed to Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Inc., a Florida
182 nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
183 Code, which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for the
184 administration, promotion, and marketing of the plate. The



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185 remaining fees must be used by Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Inc.,
186 to fund its efforts to rescue, rehabilitate, and release marine
187 life; provide environmental education; conduct research; and
188 promote conservation strategies.

189 (130) UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (USO) LICENSE PLATES.—

190 (a) The department shall develop a United Service
191 Organizations (USO) license plate as provided in this section
192 and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design
193 approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at
194 the top of the plate, and the acronym "USO" must appear at the
195 bottom of the plate.

196 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
197 distributed to USO Florida, Inc., a nonprofit corporation under
198 s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which may use up to
199 10 percent of the fees for administrative costs and marketing of
200 the plate. USO Florida, Inc., shall distribute the remainder of
201 the fees equally among its 10 locations in this state to be used
202 to promote the USO's mission of supporting members of the United
203 States Armed Forces and their families through its various
204 programs, services, and events.

205 (131) RECYCLE FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES.—

206 (a) The department shall develop a Recycle Florida license
207 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate
208 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
209 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
210 words "Recycle Florida" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

211 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
212 distributed to the Recycle Florida Today Foundation, Inc., which
213 may use up to 10 percent of such fees for administrative costs



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214 and marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees shall be
215 used by the Recycle Florida Today Foundation, Inc., to increase
216 public awareness about the importance of recycling, resource
217 conservation, and environmental stewardship; to promote robust,
218 comprehensive, and sustainable recycling programs; and to
219 support the professional development of persons employed in
220 fields relating to recycling, conservation, and sustainability.

221 (132) BOATING CAPITAL OF THE WORLD LICENSE PLATES.—

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

228 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
229 distributed to Captain Sandy Yawn, Inc., which may use up to 10
230 percent of such fees for administrative costs and marketing of
231 the plate. The balance of the fees shall be used by Captain
232 Sandy Yawn, Inc., to increase public awareness of employment
233 opportunities in the maritime industry; to fund maritime
234 workforce instruction and training; to promote professional
235 development and job placement in all sectors of employment; and
236 to support the advancement of education of trainees in the
237 maritime industry, both at sea and on land.

238 (133) CURE DIABETES LICENSE PLATES.—

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



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243 words "Cure Diabetes" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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

246 1. The Diabetes Research Institute Foundation, which
247 supports the Diabetes Research Institute at the University of
248 Miami Miller School of Medicine;

249 2. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; and

250 3. The University of Florida Foundation, Inc., which
251 supports the University of Florida Diabetes Institute.

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

256 (134) PROJECT ADDICTION: REVERSING THE STIGMA LICENSE
257 PLATES.—

258 (a) The department shall develop a Project Addiction:
259 Reversing the Stigma license plate as provided in this section
260 and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design
261 approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at
262 the top of the plate, and the words "Overdose Awareness" must
263 appear at the bottom of the plate.

264 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
265 distributed to Project Addiction: Reversing the Stigma, Inc., a
266 Florida nonprofit corporation, as follows:

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

269 2. The remaining funds shall be distributed with the
270 approval of and accountability to the board of directors of
271 Project Addiction: Reversing the Stigma, Inc., and must be used



272 to promote and support awareness of and education about
273 substance use disorder and mental illness.

274 (135) THE VILLAGES: MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE LICENSE
275 PLATES.-

276 (a) The department shall develop a The Villages: May All
277 Your Dreams Come True license plate as provided in this section
278 and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design
279 approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at
280 the top of the plate, and the words "The Villages: May All Your
281 Dreams Come True" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

282 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
283 distributed to The Villages Charter School, Inc., a Florida
284 nonprofit corporation. Up to 10 percent of such fees may be used
285 for administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The balance
286 of the fees must be distributed with the approval of, and
287 accountability to, the board of directors of The Villages
288 Charter School, Inc., and must be used to provide support to The
289 Villages Charter School, as it provides K-12 education.

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

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292 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

293 And the title is amended as follows:

294 Delete everything before the enacting clause
295 and insert:

296 A bill to be entitled
297 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending
298 s. 320.08056, F.S.; providing that a certain
299 discontinuation requirement for specialty license
300 plates does not apply to collegiate license plates;



301 amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; providing that collegiate
302 license plates are not subject to specified presale
303 requirements for specialty license plates; authorizing
304 certain entities to resubmit discontinued collegiate
305 license plates for reauthorization by the Department
306 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; revising the
307 distribution of proceeds for the Live The Dream
308 license plate; defining the term "immediate relative";
309 revising eligibility requirements for the Divine Nine
310 license plate; directing the department to develop
311 certain specialty license plates; providing for
312 distribution and use of fees collected from the sale
313 of the plates; providing an effective date.