

By the Committees on Fiscal Policy; and Transportation; and
Senator Pizzo

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; increasing the annual use fee for the Florida Wildflower license plate and providing a discount for owners purchasing the plate for more than a specified number of vehicles; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop certain specialty license plates; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plates; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (p) of subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

(4) The following license plate annual use fees shall be collected for the appropriate specialty license plates:

(p) Florida Wildflower license plate, \$25, except that for an owner purchasing the specialty plate for more than 10 vehicles registered to that owner, the annual use fee shall be \$15 per plate.

Section 2. Subsections (136) through (145) are added to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(136) SUPPORTING FHP TROOPERS LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Supporting FHP Troopers license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The

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plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Supporting FHP Troopers" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be distributed to the Florida Highway Patrol Advisory Council, Inc., a nonprofit organization under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The Florida Highway Patrol Advisory Council, Inc., must use the remaining fees to fund scholarships, based on the council's established criteria, for current members of the Florida Highway Patrol and their family members who are attending a vocational school, technical school, college, or university. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "family member" means a spouse, child, stepchild, or legally adopted child of the Florida Highway Patrol member or a child raised in the home and claimed by the Florida Highway Patrol member as a dependent under the federal income tax code before the child's 18th birthday.

(137) MIAMI DADE COLLEGE LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Miami Dade College license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Miami Dade College" must appear at the bottom or side of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed to the Miami Dade College Foundation, Inc., which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for administrative costs

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and marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees must be used by the Miami Dade College Foundation, Inc., to fund student scholarships.

(138) ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a St. Petersburg College license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "St. Petersburg College" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be distributed to the St. Petersburg College Foundation, Inc., and allocated as follows:

1. Ten percent may be used for administrative costs related to the promotion and marketing of the plate.

2. Forty percent must be dedicated to funding student scholarships to ensure access to quality education for students in need.

3. Fifty percent must be used to fund initiatives that embolden student success, particularly in emerging technologies and workforce development programs, to prepare students for high-demand careers and the future economy.

(139) MIAMI NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Miami Northwestern Alumni Association license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Miami Northwestern Alumni Association"

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88 must appear at the bottom of the plate.

89 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
90 distributed to the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc.,
91 which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for administrative
92 costs and marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees must
93 be used by the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc., to
94 fund need-based scholarships, academic programs, and athletic
95 programs for the benefit of Miami Northwestern Senior High
96 School students and the Miami Northwestern Senior High School
97 Performing and Visual Arts Center.

98 (140) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY LICENSE PLATES.—

99 (a) The department shall develop a United States Naval
100 Academy license plate as provided in this section and s.
101 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by
102 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
103 plate, and the words "Go Navy, Beat Army!" must appear at the
104 bottom of the plate.

105 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
106 distributed to the Blue Angels Foundation, Inc., which may use
107 up to 10 percent of the fees for administrative costs related to
108 the promotion and marketing of the plate. The balance of the
109 fees must be used by the Blue Angels Foundation, Inc., to
110 provide funding to wounded veterans for critical services, with
111 a focus on transitional housing, posttraumatic stress disorder
112 treatment, and suicide prevention.

113 (141) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY LICENSE PLATES.—

114 (a) The department shall develop a United States Military
115 Academy license plate as provided in this section and s.
116 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by

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the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Go Army, Beat Navy!" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be distributed to Home Base Florida, which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for administrative costs related to promotion and marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees must be used by Home Base Florida to assist in world-class clinical care, wellness, education, and research for veterans, service members, and their family members who need more complex care.

(142) SAVE COASTAL WILDLIFE LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Save Coastal Wildlife license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Save Coastal Wildlife" must appear at the bottom of the plate. The plate must include the image of an American flamingo.

(b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be distributed to the Zoo Miami Foundation, a nonprofit organization under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for conservation of imperiled coastal wildlife and ecosystems in this state through field conservation and mission-focused research. Up to 10 percent of the annual use fees may be used for costs associated with the design and creation of the license plate, annual administrative costs directly associated with the administration of the Save Coastal Wildlife program, and marketing of the license plate. Of the remaining funds:

1. Eighty-five percent must be used to maintain programs at

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the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Institute at Zoo Miami which
conserve imperiled coastal wildlife and ecosystems.

2. Fifteen percent must be distributed to eligible Florida-
based nonprofit organizations to conserve native imperiled
coastal wildlife and ecosystems.

(143) BROWARD COLLEGE LICENSE PLATES.—

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

(b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
distributed to the Broward College Foundation, Inc., and
allocated as follows:

1. Ten percent may be used for administrative costs related
to the promotion and marketing of the plate.

2. Forty percent must be dedicated to funding student
scholarships to ensure access to quality education for students
in need.

3. Fifty percent must be used to fund initiatives that
embolden student success, particularly in emerging technologies
and workforce development programs, to prepare students for
high-demand careers and the future economy.

(144) TAMPA THEATRE LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Tampa Theatre license
plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate
must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
words "Historic Tampa Theatre" must appear at the bottom of the

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175 plate.

176 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
177 distributed to Tampa Theatre, Inc., a Florida nonprofit
178 corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
179 which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for the
180 administration, promotion, and marketing of the plate. The
181 remaining fees must be used by Tampa Theatre, Inc., to fund its
182 efforts to preserve and program the historic Tampa Theatre.

183 (145) THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM LICENSE PLATES.—

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

190 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
191 distributed to The Florida Aquarium, Inc., a Florida nonprofit
192 corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
193 which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for the
194 administration, promotion, and marketing of the plate. The
195 remaining fees must be used by The Florida Aquarium, Inc., to
196 fund its efforts to save marine wildlife, provide environmental
197 education, and inspire conservation action.

198 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.