

By the Committee on Fiscal Policy; and Senators Gruters and Rodriguez

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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.; deleting a restriction on who may be issued the Fraternal Order of Police license plate; revising the distribution and use of annual use fees collected from sales of the Fraternal Order of Police license plate; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop specified 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. Subsection (67) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (136) through (140) are

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added to that section, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(67) FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LICENSE PLATES.—

(a)~~1.~~ The department shall develop a Fraternal Order of Police license plate as provided in this section. 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 "Fraternal Order of Police" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

~~2. The department may issue the plate only to an applicant who submits a notarized letter from the Florida State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police stating that the applicant is a member of the lodge in good standing or a member of a lodge member's family, together with other fees and documents required for a specialty plate.~~

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida State Lodge ~~of the~~ Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. ~~The which shall retain all proceeds until the startup costs to develop and establish the plate have been recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds shall be distributed to the Florida State Lodge Memorial foundation shall distribute the proceeds for use according to the foundation's articles of incorporation of the Fraternal Order of Police and used as follows:~~

~~1. A maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds may be used to promote and market the plate, to administer the license plate program, and to pay administrative costs directly associated with the state Fraternal Order of Police Law Enforcement~~

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59 ~~Memorial.~~

60 ~~2. The remaining proceeds shall be used by the foundation~~
61 ~~to fund projects, programs, or events related to the memorial or~~
62 ~~to fund improvements, maintenance, or other support for the~~
63 ~~memorial.~~

64 (136) ULTIMATE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP (UFC) LICENSE PLATES.—

65 (a) The department shall develop an Ultimate Fighting
66 Championship (UFC) license plate as provided in this section and
67 s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved
68 by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of
69 the plate, and the words "UFC Lives Here" must appear at the
70 bottom of the plate.

71 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
72 distributed to the UFC Foundation, a nonprofit corporation under
73 s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which may use up to
74 10 percent of the proceeds to promote and market the plate. The
75 UFC Foundation shall use the remainder of the proceeds to
76 support charities and nonprofits in this state that align with
77 the foundation's mission and goals, such as children's
78 hospitals, support for first responders and the military, and
79 youth advocacy and mentorship, and to fund the development and
80 operation of youth mentorship programs in partnership with local
81 law enforcement agencies.

82 (137) MIAMI NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LICENSE
83 PLATES.—

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

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the plate, and the words "Miami Northwestern Alumni Association" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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

(138) OUTSIDER LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop an Outsider 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 word "OUTSIDER" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be distributed to the Hooper Brothers Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The Hooper Brothers Foundation, Inc., shall use the remainder of the proceeds to create and restore iconic public destinations across this state.

(139) 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

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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.

(140) FIRST RESPONDERS RESILIENCY LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a First Responders Resiliency 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 "First Responders Resiliency" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be distributed to the First Responders Resiliency Foundation Corp, which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees must be used by the First Responders Resiliency Foundation Corp to fund mental health services for first responders who do not qualify for benefits under s. 112.1815(5), to ensure that such

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146 first responders have access to certified mental health
147 counselors when in crisis.

148 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.