

**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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30 added to that section, to read:

31 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

32 (67) FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LICENSE PLATES.—

33 (a) 1. The department shall develop a Fraternal Order of  
34 Police license plate as provided in this section. The plate must  
35 bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word  
36 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words  
37 "Fraternal Order of Police" must appear at the bottom of the  
38 plate.

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

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

55 1. ~~A maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds may be used to~~  
56 ~~promote and market the plate, to administer the license plate~~  
57 ~~program, and to pay administrative costs directly associated~~  
58 ~~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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88 the plate, and the words "Miami Northwestern Alumni Association"  
89 must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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

99 (138) OUTSIDER LICENSE PLATES.—

100 (a) The department shall develop an Outsider license plate  
101 as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must  
102 bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word  
103 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the word  
104 "OUTSIDER" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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

113 (139) ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE LICENSE PLATES.—

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

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117 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
118 plate, and the words "St. Petersburg College" must appear at the  
119 bottom of the plate.

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

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

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

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

132 (140) FIRST RESPONDERS RESILIENCY LICENSE PLATES.—

133 (a) The department shall develop a First Responders  
134 Resiliency license plate as provided in this section and s.  
135 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by  
136 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
137 plate, and the words "First Responders Resiliency" must appear  
138 at the bottom of the plate.

139 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be  
140 distributed to the First Responders Resiliency Foundation Corp,  
141 which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for administrative  
142 costs and marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees must  
143 be used by the First Responders Resiliency Foundation Corp to  
144 fund mental health services for first responders who do not  
145 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.