

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 470

INTRODUCER: Senator Wright

SUBJECT: Fraternal Order of Police License Plate

DATE: January 20, 2026

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Shutes</u>	<u>Vickers</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u>Wells</u>	<u>Nortelus</u>	<u>ATD</u>	<u>Pre-meeting</u>
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**I. Summary:**

SB 470 deletes the restriction on who may be issued the Fraternal Order of Police specialty license plate which will expand the eligibility for the purchase of the specialty plate. The bill also redirects the funds associated with the sale of the plate to the Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization.

The bill will likely have an indeterminate positive and negative fiscal impacts on the private sector. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) can absorb the costs associated with the changes to license plate eligibility within existing resources. **See Section V., Fiscal Impact Statement.**

The bill will take effect October 1, 2026.

**II. Present Situation:**

The Fraternal Order of Police specialty license plate was established in 2009 and has a \$25 annual use fee. The DHSMV 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 license plate.<sup>1</sup>

The annual use fees from the sale of the plate are distributed to the Florida State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of the Police. 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 Memorial. The

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<sup>1</sup> Section 320.08058(67)(a), F.S.

remaining funds are to be used by the foundation to fund projects, programs, events related to the memorial or to fund improvements, maintenance, or other support of the memorial.<sup>2</sup>

According to the Florida State Fraternal Order of Police website, the “Fraternal Order of Police is the world’s largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers, with more than 373,000 members and more than 3,100 lodges.”<sup>3</sup> The Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Foundation (a nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) honors those who died in the line of duty and are added to the Florida State Fraternal Order of Police Law Enforcement Memorial located at the State Capitol.<sup>4</sup> The Memorial Foundation also provides a state scholarship program that consists of a variety of scholarships that range anywhere from \$500 to a four-year renewable scholarship of \$2,000.<sup>5</sup>

According to the DHSMV, as of December 2025 there were 4,756 total sales of the Fraternal Order of Police specialty license plate.<sup>6</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill amends s. 320.08058(67), F.S., to delete the requirement that applicants provide a notarized membership verification letter from the Fraternal Order of Police in order to purchase the Fraternal Order of Police specialty license plate. The elimination of the membership verification will significantly expand the eligibility for the purchase of the specialty plate.

The bill redistributes the funds from the sale of the specialty license plate to the Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Foundation, Inc., and specifies that those funds must be used in accordance with the foundation’s articles of incorporation. The bill also eliminates the stipulation that 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 Fraternal Order of Police Law Enforcement Memorial.

### IV. Constitutional Issues:

#### A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

#### B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

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<sup>2</sup> Section 320.08058(67)(b), F.S.

<sup>3</sup> Florida Fraternal Order of Police, *Our History*, [Our History | Florida State Lodge FOP](#) (last visited January 15, 2026).

<sup>4</sup> Florida Fraternal Order of Police, *Memorial Service*, [Memorial Service | Florida State Lodge FOP](#) (last visited January 15, 2026).

<sup>5</sup> Florida Fraternal Order of Police, *Scholarships*, [Scholarships | Florida State Lodge FOP](#) (last visited January 15, 2026).

<sup>6</sup> Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, *Specialty License Plates*, <https://www.flhsmv.gov/motor-vehicles-tags-titles/personalized-specialty-license-plates/specialty-license-plates/> (last visited January 15, 2026).

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The bill will significantly expand the number of persons eligible to purchase the Fraternal Order of Police specialty license plate, which will have an indeterminate, positive fiscal impact on the recipient organization.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill will have an insignificant fiscal impact on the DHSMV.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends section 320.08058 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:**

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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