

26 **Section 1. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section**
27 **320.08053, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4),**
28 **(5), and (6), respectively, subsection (1) is amended, and new**
29 **subsections (2) and (3) are added to that section, to read:**

30 320.08053 Establishment of specialty license plates.—

31 (1) If a specialty license plate requested by an
32 organization is approved by law, the organization must submit
33 ~~the proposed art design for the specialty license plate to the~~
34 ~~department, as soon as practicable, but no later than 60 days~~
35 ~~after the act approving the specialty license plate becomes a~~
36 law:

37 (a) The proposed art design for the specialty license
38 plate.

39 (b) A 5-year financial projection that:

40 1. Outlines anticipated revenues and planned expenditures
41 of the revenues to be derived from the sale of the requested
42 specialty license plate.

43 2. Provides a list of administrative expenses that the
44 approved specialty license plate organization anticipates, if
45 such expenses are authorized by s. 320.08058.

46 3. Provides a list of third parties to which the approved
47 specialty license plate organization plans to transfer, convey,
48 or otherwise distribute the specialty license plate annual use
49 fees in a medium prescribed by the department, as soon as
50 ~~practicable, but no later than 60 days after the act approving~~

51 ~~the specialty license plate becomes a law.~~

52 (2) If the financial projection required in paragraph
 53 (1) (b) is not received by the department from the approved
 54 specialty license plate organization within the timeframe
 55 specified in subsection (1), then the specialty license plate is
 56 deauthorized.

57 (3) By December 31 of each year, the department must
 58 submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
 59 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives summarizing the
 60 financial projections submitted to the department pursuant to
 61 paragraph (1) (b). The report must also include the department's
 62 notification regarding the status of organizations whose
 63 revenues have been withheld as provided in s. 320.08062(2) (d).

64 **Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) and subsection**
 65 **(12) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, are amended to**
 66 **read:**

67 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

68 (10) (a) A specialty license plate annual use fee collected
 69 and distributed under this chapter, or any interest earned from
 70 those fees, may be distributed to either a domestic corporation
 71 as defined in s. 617.01401(4) that has filed its articles of
 72 incorporation with the Department of State pursuant to chapter
 73 617 or a foreign corporation as defined in s. 617.01401 that has
 74 complied with s. 617.1503 and is authorized to conduct its
 75 affairs in Florida. Such corporations authorized by law to

76 collect annual use fees from a specialty license plate may not:

77 1. Transfer, convey, or otherwise distribute the annual
 78 use fees or any interest earned from those fees to any third
 79 party unless the third party is a domestic corporation as
 80 defined in s. 617.01401(4) that has filed its articles of
 81 incorporation with the Department of State pursuant to chapter
 82 617 or a foreign corporation as defined in s. 617.01401 that has
 83 complied with s. 617.1503 and is authorized to conduct its
 84 affairs in Florida.

85 2. Use the annual use fees or any interest earned from
 86 those fees ~~Be used~~ for commercial or for-profit activities nor
 87 for general or administrative expenses, except as authorized by
 88 s. 320.08058 or to pay the cost of the audit or report required
 89 by s. 320.08062(1).

90 3. Expend the annual use fees or ~~The fees and any interest~~
 91 earned from the fees ~~outside may be expended only for use in~~
 92 this state unless the annual use fee is derived from the sale of
 93 United States Armed Forces and veterans-related specialty
 94 license plates pursuant to paragraph (3)(d) for the Support Our
 95 Troops, American Legion, and Honor Flight license plates;
 96 paragraphs (4)(b), (q), and (v) for the Florida Salutes
 97 Veterans, United States Marine Corps, and Military Services
 98 license plates, respectively; and s. 320.0891 for the U.S.
 99 Paratrooper license plate.

100 (12) Notwithstanding s. 320.08058(3)(a), the department,

101 in cooperation with the independent colleges or universities as
102 described in s. 1009.89, shall create a standard template
103 specialty license plate with a unique logo or graphic
104 identifying each independent college or university. Each
105 independent college or university may elect to use this standard
106 template specialty license plate in lieu of its own specialty
107 license plate. Annual use fees from the sale of these license
108 plates shall be distributed to the independent college or
109 university for which the logo or graphic is displayed on the
110 license plate and shall be used as provided in s. 320.08058(3).
111 An independent college or university opting to use the standard
112 template specialty license plate shall have the standard
113 template specialty license plate sales added to the total number
114 of remaining current valid registrations under paragraph (8) (a)
115 for the formerly separate independent college and university
116 license plates which were issued before the independent college
117 or university elected to use the standard template specialty
118 license plate for purposes of the standard template specialty
119 license plate meeting the minimum license plate sales threshold
120 in paragraph (8) (a) and for determining the license plate limit
121 in s. 320.08053(5) (b) ~~s. 320.08053(3) (b)~~. Specialty license
122 plates created pursuant to this subsection must be ordered
123 directly from the department. If the independent college or
124 university elects to use the standard template specialty license
125 plate, the department shall discontinue the existing specialty

126 license plate and, notwithstanding paragraph (8) (c), shall
 127 continue to collect the applicable specialty license plate
 128 annual use fee under paragraph (3) (d) or subsection (4) for the
 129 remainder of the 10-year license plate replacement period for
 130 the existing plate being discontinued or being replaced with the
 131 standard template specialty license plate.

132 **Section 3. Subsection (67), paragraph (a) of subsection**
 133 **(71), paragraph (a) of subsection (72), paragraph (a) of**
 134 **subsection (73), paragraph (a) of subsection (74), paragraph (a)**
 135 **of subsection (75), paragraph (a) of subsection (76), paragraph**
 136 **(a) of subsection (77), paragraph (a) of subsection (78), and**
 137 **paragraph (d) of subsection (101) of section 320.08058, Florida**
 138 **Statutes, are amended, and subsections (136) through (142) are**
 139 **added to that section, to read:**

140 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

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

142 (a)~~1~~. The department shall develop a Fraternal Order of
 143 Police license plate as provided in this section. The plate must
 144 bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word
 145 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words
 146 "Fraternal Order of Police" must appear at the bottom of the
 147 plate.

148 ~~2. The department may issue the plate only to an applicant~~
 149 ~~who submits a notarized letter from the Florida State Lodge of~~
 150 ~~the Fraternal Order of Police stating that the applicant is a~~

151 ~~member of the lodge in good standing or a member of a lodge~~
152 ~~member's family, together with other fees and documents required~~
153 ~~for a specialty plate.~~

154 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to ~~the~~
155 ~~Florida State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, which~~
156 ~~shall retain all proceeds until the startup costs to develop and~~
157 ~~establish the plate have been recovered. Thereafter, the~~
158 ~~proceeds shall be distributed to the Florida State Lodge~~
159 Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit
160 corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
161 which shall distribute funds according to its articles of
162 incorporation of the Fraternal Order of Police and used as
163 ~~follows:~~

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

169 2. ~~The remaining proceeds shall be used by the foundation~~
170 ~~to fund projects, programs, or events related to the memorial or~~
171 ~~to fund improvements, maintenance, or other support for the~~
172 ~~memorial.~~

173 (71) FREEMASONRY LICENSE PLATES.—

174 (a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of
175 Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida,

176 the department shall develop a Freemasonry license plate as
177 provided in this section and s. 320.08053(1) and (4) ~~s.~~
178 ~~320.08053(1) and (2)~~. The word "Florida" must appear at the top
179 of the plate, and the words "In God We Trust" must appear at the
180 bottom of the plate.

181 (72) AMERICAN LEGION LICENSE PLATES.—

182 (a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of
183 Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida,
184 the department shall develop an American Legion license plate as
185 provided in s. 320.08053(1) and (4) ~~s. 320.08053(1) and (2)~~ and
186 this section. The plate must bear the colors and design approved
187 by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of
188 the plate, and the words "American Legion" must appear at the
189 bottom of the plate.

190 (73) LAUREN'S KIDS LICENSE PLATES.—

191 (a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of
192 Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida,
193 the department shall develop a Lauren's Kids, Prevent Child
194 Sexual Abuse license plate as provided in s. 320.08053(1) and
195 (4) ~~s. 320.08053(1) and (2)~~ and this section. The plate must
196 bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word
197 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words
198 "Lauren's Kids" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

199 (74) BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS LICENSE PLATES.—

200 (a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of

201 Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida,
 202 the department shall develop a Big Brothers Big Sisters license
 203 plate as provided in s. 320.08053(1) and (4) ~~s. 320.08053(1) and~~
 204 ~~(2)~~ and this section. The plate must bear the colors and design
 205 approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at
 206 the top of the plate, and the words "Big Brothers Big Sisters"
 207 must appear at the bottom of the plate.

208 (75) FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS LICENSE PLATES.—

209 (a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of
 210 Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida,
 211 the department shall develop a Fallen Law Enforcement Officers
 212 license plate as provided in s. 320.08053(1) and (4) ~~s.~~
 213 ~~320.08053(1) and (2)~~ and this section. The plate must bear the
 214 colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida"
 215 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "A Hero
 216 Remembered Never Dies" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

217 (76) FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.—

218 (a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of
 219 Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida,
 220 the department shall develop a Florida Sheriffs Association
 221 license plate as provided in s. 320.08053(1) and (4) ~~s.~~
 222 ~~320.08053(1) and (2)~~ and this section. The plate must bear the
 223 colors and design approved by the department. A sheriff's star
 224 must appear on the left side of the plate, the word "Florida"
 225 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Florida

226 | Sheriffs Association" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

227 | (77) KEISER UNIVERSITY LICENSE PLATES.—

228 | (a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of
 229 | Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida,
 230 | the department shall develop a Keiser University license plate
 231 | as provided in s. 320.08053(1) and (4) ~~s. 320.08053(1) and (2)~~
 232 | and this section. The plate must bear the colors and design
 233 | approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at
 234 | the top of the plate, and the words "Keiser University" must
 235 | appear at the bottom of the plate.

236 | (78) MOFFITT CANCER CENTER LICENSE PLATES.—

237 | (a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of
 238 | Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida,
 239 | the department shall develop a Moffitt Cancer Center license
 240 | plate as provided in s. 320.08053(1) and (4) ~~s. 320.08053(1) and~~
 241 | ~~(2)~~ and this section. The word "Florida" must appear at the top
 242 | of the plate, and the words "Moffitt Cancer Center" must appear
 243 | at the bottom of the plate.

244 | (101) DIVINE NINE LICENSE PLATES.—

245 | (d) A Divine Nine license plate:

- 246 | 1. May be personalized.
 247 | 2. May not be transferred between vehicle owners.

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 249 | License plates created pursuant to this subsection shall have
 250 | their plate sales combined for the purpose of meeting the

251 minimum license plate sales threshold in s. 320.08056(8)(a) and
252 for determining the license plate limit in s. 320.08053(5)(b) ~~s.~~
253 ~~320.08053(3)(b)~~. License plates created pursuant to this
254 subsection must be ordered directly from the department.

255 (136) MIAMI NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LICENSE
256 PLATES.—

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

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

272 (137) CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL LICENSE PLATES.—

273 (a) The department shall develop a Christopher Columbus
274 High School license plate as provided in this section and s.
275 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by

276 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
277 plate, and the words "Christopher Columbus High School" must
278 appear at the bottom of the plate.

279 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
280 distributed to Christopher Columbus High School, Inc., which may
281 use up to 10 percent of the fees for administrative costs and
282 marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees must be used by
283 Christopher Columbus High School, Inc., to fund academic
284 programs, athletic programs, and need-based scholarships for the
285 benefit of Christopher Columbus High School students.

286 (138) ULTIMATE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP (UFC) LICENSE
287 PLATES.—

288 (a) The department shall develop an Ultimate Fighting
289 Championship (UFC) license plate as provided in this section and
290 s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved
291 by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of
292 the plate, and the words "UFC Lives Here" must appear at the
293 bottom of the plate.

294 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
295 distributed to the UFC Foundation, a nonprofit corporation under
296 s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which may use up to
297 10 percent of the proceeds to promote and market the plate. The
298 UFC Foundation shall use the remainder of the proceeds to
299 support charities and nonprofits in this state that align with
300 the foundation's mission and goals, such as children's

301 hospitals, support for first responders and the military, and
302 youth advocacy and mentorship, and to fund the development and
303 operation of youth mentorship programs in partnership with local
304 law enforcement agencies.

305 (139) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY LICENSE PLATES.—

306 (a) The department shall develop a United States Naval
307 Academy license plate as provided in this section and s.
308 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by
309 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
310 plate, and the words "Go Navy, Beat Army!" must appear at the
311 bottom of the plate.

312 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
313 distributed to the Jacksonville Chapter of the Naval Academy
314 Alumni Association, which may use up to 10 percent of the fees
315 for administrative costs related to promotion and marketing of
316 the plate. The chapter shall use the remaining fees to provide
317 grants to charitable organizations in this state which directly
318 support veterans and their families for purposes including, but
319 not limited to:

320 1. Providing food or shelter.

321 2. Providing service animals or support animals to wounded
322 veterans.

323 3. Supporting children of servicemembers killed in the
324 line of duty.

325 (140) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY LICENSE PLATES.—

326 (a) The department shall develop a United States Military
327 Academy license plate as provided in this section and s.
328 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by
329 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
330 plate, and the words "Go Army, Beat Navy!" must appear at the
331 bottom of the plate.

332 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
333 distributed to Bay Area Legal Services, Inc., which may use up
334 to 10 percent of the fees for administrative costs related to
335 promotion and marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees
336 must be used by Bay Area Legal Services, Inc., to fund the
337 Florida Veterans Legal Helpline.

338 (141) MIAMI DADE COLLEGE LICENSE PLATES.—

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

345 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
346 distributed to the Miami Dade College Foundation, Inc., which
347 may use up to 10 percent of the fees for administrative costs
348 and marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees must be used
349 by the Miami Dade College Foundation, Inc., to fund student
350 scholarships.

(142) FLORIDA FILM LEGACY LICENSE PLATES.-

(a) The department shall develop a Florida Film Legacy license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department in consultation with Feature Florida Partnerships, Inc. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Film Legacy" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be distributed to Feature Florida Partnerships, Inc., a nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. By September 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, Feature Florida Partnerships, Inc., must submit a financial report to the department detailing the use of such fees during the preceding fiscal year.

Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 320.08062, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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(2)

(d) If an organization fails to comply with the department's recommendations and corrective actions as outlined in paragraph (c), the revenue distributions shall be discontinued until completion of the next regular session of the Legislature. By December 31 of each year and as part of the report required in s. 320.08053(3), the department shall notify

376 | the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
377 | the House of Representatives ~~by the first day of the next~~
378 | ~~regular session~~ of any organization whose revenues have been
379 | withheld as a result of this paragraph. If the Legislature does
380 | not provide direction to the organization and the department
381 | regarding the status of the undistributed revenues, the
382 | department shall deauthorize the plate and the undistributed
383 | revenues shall be immediately deposited into the Highway Safety
384 | Operating Trust Fund.

385 | **Section 5.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.