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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to transportation; amending s.  
3           320.08056, F.S.; establishing an annual use fee for  
4           the Ethical Ecotourism license plate; amending s.  
5           320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway  
6           Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop an Ethical  
7           Ecotourism license plate; providing for distribution  
8           and use of fees collected from the sale of the plate;  
9           amending s. 320.089, F.S.; creating a special license  
10          plate for recipients of the Bronze Star Medal;  
11          providing parameters for the design of the plate;  
12          making technical changes; providing effective dates.

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

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16           Section 1. Effective October 1, 2018, paragraph (ffff) is  
17           added to subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes,  
18           to read:

19           320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

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

22           (ffff) Ethical Ecotourism license plate, \$25.

23           Section 2. Effective October 1, 2018, subsection (84) is  
24           added to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

25           320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

26           (84) ETHICAL ECOTOURISM LICENSE PLATES.—

27           (a) The department shall develop an Ethical Ecotourism  
28           license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The  
29           word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and words

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30 that are approved by the department must appear at the bottom of  
31 the plate.

32 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be  
33 distributed equally between the Florida Society for Ethical  
34 Ecotourism and Paddle Florida, Inc., each of which may use up to  
35 10 percent of the proceeds for administrative costs and  
36 marketing of the plate. The balance of the annual use fees shall  
37 be used by the Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism to provide  
38 environmental education and awareness that encourage behaviors  
39 by the public which contribute to the sustainability of  
40 Florida's natural ecosystems and resources and by Paddle  
41 Florida, Inc., to raise awareness about water conservation,  
42 wildlife preservation, restoration of springs, and protection of  
43 waterways in this state.

44 Section 3. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
45 read:

46 ~~320.089 Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; members~~  
47 ~~of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal~~  
48 ~~recipients; active or retired United States Armed Forces~~  
49 ~~reservists; Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or~~  
50 ~~Combat Action Badge recipients; Combat Action Ribbon recipients;~~  
51 ~~Air Force Combat Action Medal recipients; Distinguished Flying~~  
52 ~~Cross recipients; former prisoners of war; Korean War Veterans;~~  
53 ~~Vietnam War Veterans; Operation Desert Shield Veterans;~~  
54 ~~Operation Desert Storm Veterans; Operation Enduring Freedom~~  
55 ~~Veterans; Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans; Women Veterans;~~  
56 ~~World War II Veterans; and Navy Submariners; Special license~~  
57 ~~plates for military servicemembers, veterans, and Pearl Harbor~~  
58 ~~Survivors; fee.-~~

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59           (1) (a) Upon receipt of a complete application and payment  
60 of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, the  
61 department shall issue to a resident of the state who owns or  
62 leases ~~Each owner or lessee~~ of an automobile or truck for  
63 private use or a recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
64 320.08(9) (c) or (d), ~~which is not used for hire or commercial~~  
65 use a license plate as provided in subparagraphs 1.-10., as  
66 appropriate, if the applicant provides the department with proof  
67 that he or she meets the qualifications specified in this  
68 section for the applicable license plate.

69           1. The department shall issue to a person released or  
70 discharged from any branch, ~~who is a resident of the state and a~~  
71 ~~veteran~~ of the United States Armed Forces a license plate  
72 stamped with the words "Veteran" or "Woman Veteran" followed by  
73 the serial number of the license plate. ~~, a Woman Veteran,~~

74           2. The department shall issue to a World War II Veteran a  
75 license plate stamped with the words "WWII Veteran" followed by  
76 the serial number of the license plate. ~~7~~

77           3. The department shall issue to a Navy Submariner a  
78 license plate stamped with the words "Navy Submariner" followed  
79 by the serial number of the license plate. ~~7~~

80           4. The department shall issue to an active or retired  
81 member of the Florida National Guard a license plate stamped  
82 with the words "National Guard" followed by the serial number of  
83 the license plate.

84           5. The department shall issue to a member of the Pearl  
85 Harbor Survivors Association or other person on active military  
86 duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, a license plate  
87 stamped with the words "Pearl Harbor Survivor" followed by the

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88 serial number of the license plate., ~~a survivor of the attack on~~  
89 ~~Pearl Harbor,~~

90 6. The department shall issue to a recipient of the Purple  
91 Heart medal a license plate stamped with the words "Combat-  
92 wounded Veteran" followed by the serial number of the license  
93 plate. The Purple Heart plate may have the words "Purple Heart"  
94 stamped on the plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal  
95 may appear on the plate.

96 7. The department shall issue to an active or retired  
97 member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve a  
98 license plate stamped with the words "U.S. Reserve" followed by  
99 the serial number of the license plate.

100 8. The department shall issue to a member of the Combat  
101 Infantrymen's Association, Inc., or a recipient of the Combat  
102 Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge,  
103 Combat Action Ribbon, or Air Force Combat Action Medal a license  
104 plate stamped with the words "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat  
105 Medical Badge," "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action Ribbon,"  
106 or "Air Force Combat Action Medal," as appropriate, and a  
107 likeness of the related campaign badge, ribbon, or medal  
108 followed by the serial number of the license plate.

109 9. The department shall issue to a recipient of the,~~or~~  
110 Distinguished Flying Cross a license plate stamped with the  
111 words "Distinguished Flying Cross" and a likeness of the  
112 Distinguished Flying Cross followed by the serial number of the  
113 license plate.

114 10. The department shall issue to a recipient of the Bronze  
115 Star a license plate stamped with the words "Bronze Star" and a  
116 likeness of the Bronze Star Medal followed by the serial number

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117 of the license plate. The department shall issue to a recipient  
118 of the Bronze Star with the "V" device a license plate stamped  
119 with the words "Bronze Star" and a likeness of the Bronze Star  
120 Medal with the "V" device emblem followed by the serial number  
121 of the license plate, ~~upon application to the department,~~  
122 ~~accompanied by proof of release or discharge from any branch of~~  
123 ~~the United States Armed Forces, proof of active membership or~~  
124 ~~retired status in the Florida National Guard, proof of~~  
125 ~~membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or proof of~~  
126 ~~active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof~~  
127 ~~of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, proof of active or~~  
128 ~~retired membership in any branch of the United States Armed~~  
129 ~~Forces Reserve, or proof of membership in the Combat~~  
130 ~~Infantrymen's Association, Inc., proof of being a recipient of~~  
131 ~~the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action~~  
132 ~~Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or~~  
133 ~~Distinguished Flying Cross, and upon payment of the license tax~~  
134 ~~for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a~~  
135 ~~license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of the~~  
136 ~~serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, is stamped with the~~  
137 ~~words "Veteran," "Woman Veteran," "WWII Veteran," "Navy~~  
138 ~~Submariner," "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-~~  
139 ~~wounded veteran," "U.S. Reserve," "Combat Infantry Badge,"~~  
140 ~~"Combat Medical Badge," "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action~~  
141 ~~Ribbon," "Air Force Combat Action Medal," or "Distinguished~~  
142 ~~Flying Cross," as appropriate, and a likeness of the related~~  
143 ~~campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial number of the~~  
144 ~~license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the~~  
145 ~~words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of~~

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146 ~~the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.~~

147 (b) Notwithstanding any ~~other provision of~~ law to the  
148 contrary, ~~beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually~~  
149 ~~thereafter~~, the first \$100,000 in annual general revenue  
150 generated from the sale of license plates issued under this  
151 section shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust  
152 Fund, as described in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes  
153 established by law for that trust fund. Any additional general  
154 revenue generated from the sale of such plates shall be  
155 deposited into the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund within  
156 the Department of Veterans' Affairs and used to support program  
157 operations that benefit veterans or the operation, maintenance,  
158 or construction of domiciliary and nursing homes for veterans,  
159 subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

160 (c) Any revenue generated from the sale of Woman Veteran  
161 license plates must be deposited into the Operations and  
162 Maintenance Trust Fund administered by the Department of  
163 Veterans' Affairs pursuant to s. 20.375(3) and must be used  
164 solely for the purpose of creating and implementing programs to  
165 benefit women veterans.

166 (d) Notwithstanding any ~~provisions of~~ law to the contrary,  
167 the department shall issue to an applicant for a Pearl Harbor  
168 Survivor license plate or a Purple Heart license plate who also  
169 qualifies for a disabled veteran's license plate under s.  
170 320.084 ~~shall be issued~~ the appropriate special license plate  
171 without payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

172 (2) The department shall issue to each owner or lessee of  
173 an automobile or truck for private use, a truck weighing not  
174 more than 7,999 pounds, or a recreational vehicle as specified

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175 in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or  
176 commercial use who is a resident of this state and who is a  
177 former prisoner of war, or his or her unremarried surviving  
178 spouse, upon application to the department, ~~shall be issued~~ a  
179 license plate as provided in s. 320.06 which may have the words  
180 "Ex-POW", stamped on the plate and the likeness of the Prisoner  
181 of War Medal ~~with the words "Ex-POW"~~ followed by the serial  
182 number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the  
183 applicant meets the qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or  
184 paragraph (b).

185 (a) The department may issue to a citizen of the United  
186 States who served as a member of the Armed Forces of the United  
187 States or the armed forces of a nation allied with the United  
188 States who was held as a prisoner of war at such time as the  
189 Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or his  
190 or her unremarried surviving spouse, ~~may be issued~~ the special  
191 license plate provided for in this subsection without payment of  
192 the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

193 (b) The department may issue to a person who was serving as  
194 a civilian with the consent of the United States Government, or  
195 a person who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United  
196 States while he or she was not a United States citizen and was  
197 held as a prisoner of war when the Armed Forces of the United  
198 States were engaged in combat, or his or her unremarried  
199 surviving spouse, ~~may be issued~~ the special license plate  
200 provided for in this subsection upon payment of the license tax  
201 imposed by s. 320.08.

202 (3) The department shall issue to each owner or lessee of  
203 an automobile or truck for private use, a truck weighing not

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204 more than 7,999 pounds, or a recreational vehicle as specified  
205 in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or  
206 commercial use who is a resident of this state and who is the  
207 unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart  
208 medal, upon application to the department accompanied by the  
209 payment of the required fees, ~~shall be issued~~ a license plate as  
210 provided in s. 320.06 which is stamped with the words "Purple  
211 Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by  
212 the serial number. Each application shall be accompanied by  
213 proof that the applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse of  
214 a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

215       (4) The department shall issue to the owner or lessee of an  
216 automobile or truck for private use, a truck weighing not more  
217 than 7,999 pounds, or a recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
218 320.08(9)(c) or (d) which is not used for hire or commercial use  
219 who is a resident of this state and a current or former member  
220 of the United States Armed Forces who was deployed and served in  
221 Korea during the Korean War as defined in s. 1.01(14), upon  
222 application to the department accompanied by proof of active  
223 membership or former active duty status during the Korean War  
224 and payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s.  
225 320.08, ~~shall be issued~~ a license plate as provided by s. 320.06  
226 which, in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by  
227 s. 320.06, is stamped with the words "Korean War Veteran" and a  
228 likeness of the Korean Service Medal, followed by the  
229 registration license number of the plate. Proof that the  
230 applicant was awarded the Korean Service Medal is sufficient to  
231 establish eligibility for the license plate.

232       (5) The department shall issue to the owner or lessee of an



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233 automobile or truck for private use, a truck weighing not more  
234 than 7,999 pounds, or a recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
235 320.08(9)(c) or (d) which is not used for hire or commercial use  
236 who is a resident of this state and a current or former member  
237 of the United States military who was deployed and served in  
238 Vietnam during United States military deployment in Indochina,  
239 upon application to the department accompanied by proof of  
240 active membership or former active duty status during these  
241 operations and payment of the license tax for the vehicle as  
242 provided in s. 320.08, ~~shall be issued~~ a license plate as  
243 provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of the registration license  
244 number prescribed by s. 320.06, is stamped with the words  
245 "Vietnam War Veteran" and a likeness of the Vietnam Service  
246 Medal, followed by the registration license number of the plate.  
247 Proof that the applicant was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal  
248 is sufficient to establish eligibility for the license plate.

249 (6) The department shall issue to the owner or lessee of an  
250 automobile or truck for private use, a truck weighing not more  
251 than 7,999 pounds, or a recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
252 320.08(9)(c) or (d) which is not used for hire or commercial use  
253 who is a resident of this state and a current or former member  
254 of the United States military who was deployed and served in  
255 Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, or another area of the Persian Gulf during  
256 Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm; in  
257 Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom; or in Iraq during  
258 Operation Iraqi Freedom, upon application to the department  
259 accompanied by proof of active membership or former active duty  
260 status during one of these operations and payment of the license  
261 tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, ~~shall be issued~~ a

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262 license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of the  
263 registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06, is stamped  
264 with the words "Operation Desert Shield," "Operation Desert  
265 Storm," "Operation Enduring Freedom," or "Operation Iraqi  
266 Freedom," as appropriate, and a likeness of the related campaign  
267 medal followed by the registration license number of the plate.  
268 Proof that the applicant was awarded the Southwest Asia Service  
269 Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or  
270 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is sufficient to  
271 establish eligibility for the appropriate license plate.

272 Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
273 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018.