

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2014 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Transportation

CS/CS/SB 132 — Specialty License Plates

by Transportation Committee; Rules Committee; and Senators Latvala, Grimsley, and Evers

The bill creates the Fallen Law Enforcement Officers, Florida Sheriffs Association, Moffitt Cancer Center, and Keiser University specialty license plates, establishes a \$25 annual use fee for each, and provides for the distribution of revenue from the annual use fees. The bill authorizes the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to develop the specialty license plates, if approved, and subjects the new plates to the presale requirements of ch. 320, F.S.

The bill extends the presale period for both the St. Johns River specialty license plate and the Hispanic Achievers specialty license plate by shifting both into a presale voucher phase beginning July 1, 2014, to provide a 24 month period for the organizations to meet the minimum presale requirement of 1,000 presale vouchers by June 30, 2016.

The bill revises the distribution of annual use fees collected from the sale of the Challenger/Columbia specialty license plate to include the Space Mirror Memorial located at Kennedy Space Center.

Additionally, the bill enhances directives of accountability of organizations to the department, for all specialty license plates. The bill further:

- Requires annual use fee funds to be used only in Florida, unless those fees are derived from the sale of United States Armed Forces and veterans-related plates;
- Provides the guidelines for compliance determinations;
- Extends the department 90 day audit or attestation period, to 120 days to determine compliance;
- Provides guidelines for corrective actions, including hiring an actuarial or CPA, for organizations necessitating assistance in becoming revenue compliant; and
- Extends the moratorium on the issuance of new specialty license plates from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2016.

If approved by the Governor, except as otherwise provided, these provisions take effect October 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 36-1; House 114-0