

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Transportation

CS/SB 246 — Specialty License Plates

by Fiscal Policy Committee and Senators Gruters and Rodriguez

The bill authorizes the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to create the following new specialty license plates:

- Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC);
- Miami Northwestern Alumni Association;
- Christopher Columbus High School;
- United States Naval Academy;
- United States Military Academy;
- Miami Dade College;
- Florida Film Legacy; and
- St. Petersburg College.

The bill creates a new Endless Summer specialty license plate for motorcycles, and provides for sales of both the motor vehicle and motorcycle plate to count towards meeting the minimum license plate sales threshold.

The bill requires when a specialty license plate is approved by law that an organization must submit a five-year financial projection that must include revenues and expenditures, administrative expenses, and third-party recipients to DHSMV. If not received within 60 days of creation, the plate is deauthorized. DHSMV is required to annually submit a summary of the financial projections that it receives from newly approved specialty license plate organizations to the Governor and the Legislature. The bill also requires fees or interest earned from a specialty license plate be collected by and distributed only to certain nonprofits.

The bill also repeals 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 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, and repeals restrictions on the use of the proceeds of the plate.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on October 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 109-0