

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 01/18/2018 House

The Committee on Transportation (Brandes) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (905658) (with directory and title amendments)

Delete lines 167 - 175

and insert:

(3) (a) Registration license plates must be made of metal specially treated with a retroreflection material, as specified by the department. The registration license plate is designed to increase nighttime visibility and legibility and must be at least 6 inches wide and not less than 12 inches in length,

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11 unless a plate with reduced dimensions is deemed necessary by 12 the department to accommodate motorcycles, mopeds, or similar smaller vehicles. Validation stickers must also be treated with 13 14 a retroreflection material, must be of such size as specified by 15 the department, and must adhere to the license plate. The 16 registration license plate must be imprinted with a combination 17 of bold letters and numerals or numerals, not to exceed seven 18 digits, to identify the registration license plate number. The 19 license plate must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the 20 top and the name of the county in which it is sold, the state 21 motto, or the words "Sunshine State" at the bottom. Apportioned 22 license plates must have the word "Apportioned" at the bottom 23 and license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 24 320.08(3)(d), (4)(m) or (n), (5)(b) or (c), or (14) must have 25 the word "Restricted" at the bottom. License plates issued for 26 vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the 27 word "Florida" at the top and the word "Dealer" at the bottom 28 unless the license plate is a specialty license plate as 29 authorized in s. 320.08056. Manufacturer license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with 30 31 the word "Florida" at the top and the word "Manufacturer" at the 32 bottom. License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 33 320.08(5)(d) or (e) must be imprinted with the word "Wrecker" at the bottom. Any county may, upon majority vote of the county 34 35 commission, elect to have the county name removed from the 36 license plates sold in that county. The state motto or the words 37 "Sunshine State" shall be printed in lieu thereof. A license 38 plate issued for a vehicle taxed under s. 320.08(6) may not be assigned a registration license number, or be issued with any 39

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40	other distinctive character or designation, that distinguishes
41	the motor vehicle as a for-hire motor vehicle.
42	Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 320.0607, Florida
43	Statutes, is amended to read:
44	320.0607 Replacement license plates, validation decal, or
45	mobile home sticker
46	(5) Upon the issuance of an original license plate, the
47	applicant shall pay a fee of \$28 to be deposited in the Highway
48	Safety Operating Trust Fund. Beginning October 1, 2019, this
49	subsection does not apply to a vehicle registered under the
50	International Registration Plan.
51	Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
52	320.0657, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
53	320.0657 Permanent registration; fleet license plates
54	(2)
55	(b) The plates, which shall be of a distinctive color,
56	shall have the word "Fleet" appearing at the bottom and the word
57	"Florida" appearing at the top unless the license plate is a
58	specialty license plate as authorized in s. 320.08056. The
59	plates shall conform in all respects to the provisions of this
60	chapter, except as specified herein. For additional fees as set
61	forth in s. 320.08056, fleet companies may purchase specialty
62	license plates in lieu of the standard fleet license plates.
63	Fleet companies shall be responsible for all costs associated
64	with the specialty license plate, including all annual use fees,
65	processing fees, fees associated with switching license plate
66	types, and any other applicable fees.
67	Section 6. Subsection (12) of section 320.08, Florida
68	Statutes, is amended to read:

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69 320.08 License taxes.—Except as otherwise provided herein, 70 there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the 71 operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as 72 defined in s. 316.003(3), tri-vehicles as defined in s. 316.003, 73 and mobile homes as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid to 74 and collected by the department or its agent upon the 75 registration or renewal of registration of the following:

76 (12) DEALER AND MANUFACTURER LICENSE PLATES.-A franchised 77 motor vehicle dealer, independent motor vehicle dealer, marine 78 boat trailer dealer, or mobile home dealer and manufacturer 79 license plate: \$17 flat, of which \$4.50 shall be deposited into 80 the General Revenue Fund. For additional fees as set forth in s. 81 320.08056, dealers may purchase specialty license plates in lieu 82 of the standard graphic dealer license plates. Dealers shall be 83 responsible for all costs associated with the specialty license 84 plate, including all annual use fees, processing fees, fees 85 associated with switching license plate types, and any other 86 applicable fees.

Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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320.08056 Specialty license plates.-

(2) (a) The department shall issue a specialty license plate to the owner or lessee of any motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, a commercial truck required to display two license plates pursuant to s. 320.0706, or a truck tractor, upon request and payment of the appropriate license tax and fees.

96 (b) The department may authorize dealer and fleet specialty 97 license plates. With the permission of the sponsoring specialty

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98	license plate organization, a dealer or fleet company may
99	purchase specialty license plates to be used on dealer and fleet
100	vehicles.
101	(c) Notwithstanding s. 320.08058, a dealer or fleet
102	specialty license plate must include the letters "DLR" or "FLT"
103	on the right side of the license plate. Dealer and fleet
104	specialty license plates must be ordered directly through the
105	department.
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107	===== DIRECTORY CLAUSE AMENDMENT ======
108	And the directory clause is amended as follows:
109	Delete lines 116 - 117
110	and insert:
111	Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph
112	(a) of subsection (3) of section 320.06, Florida Statutes, are
113	amended to read:
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115	========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =================================
116	And the title is amended as follows:
117	Delete lines 238 - 241
118	and insert:
119	certain circumstances; providing an exception to the
120	design of dealer license plates for specialty license
121	plates; amending s. 320.0607, F.S.; providing an
122	exemption, beginning on a specified date, from a
123	certain fee for vehicles registered under the
124	International Registration Plan; amending s. 320.0657,
125	F.S.; providing an exception to the design of fleet
126	license plates for specialty license plates;

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127 authorizing fleet companies to purchase specialty 128 license plates in lieu of the standard fleet license 129 plates for additional specified fees; requiring fleet 130 companies to be responsible for all costs associated 131 with the specialty license plate; amending s. 320.08, 132 F.S.; authorizing dealers to purchase specialty license plates in lieu of the standard graphic dealer 133 134 license plates for additional specified fees; 135 requiring dealers to be responsible for all costs 136 associated with the specialty license plate; amending 137 s. 320.08056, F.S.; allowing the Department of Highway 138 Safety and Motor Vehicles to authorize dealer and 139 fleet specialty license plates; authorizing a dealer 140 or fleet company to purchase specialty license plates 141 to be used on dealer and fleet vehicles with the 142 permission of the sponsoring specialty license plate 143 organization; requiring a dealer or fleet specialty 144 license plate to include specified letters on the 145 right side of the license plate; requiring dealer and 146 fleet specialty license plates to be ordered directly 147 through the department; amending s. 812.014,