

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to license plates; amending s.  
3 320.08053, F.S.; revising presale requirements for  
4 issuance of a specialty license plate; amending s.  
5 320.08056, F.S.; deleting certain specialty license  
6 plates; establishing an annual use fee for certain  
7 specialty license plates; revising provisions for  
8 discontinuing issuance of a specialty license plate;  
9 revising applicability; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.;  
10 revising the design of certain specialty license  
11 plates; deleting certain specialty license plates;  
12 revising the distribution of annual use fees for  
13 certain specialty license plates; directing the  
14 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to  
15 develop certain specialty license plates; providing  
16 for distribution and use of fees collected from the  
17 sale of the plates; amending s. 320.08062, F.S.;  
18 directing the department to audit certain  
19 organizations that receive funds from the sale of  
20 specialty license plates; amending s. 320.089, F.S.;  
21 providing for a special license plate to be issued to  
22 a recipient of the Bronze Star; providing effective  
23 dates.

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

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Section 1. Section 320.08053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.08053 Establishment of ~~Requirements for requests to establish~~ specialty license plates.—

(1) If a specialty license plate requested by an organization is approved by law, the organization must submit the proposed art design for the specialty license plate to the department, in a medium prescribed by the department, as soon as practicable, but no later than 60 days after the act approving the specialty license plate becomes a law.

(2) (a) Within 120 days after ~~following~~ the specialty license plate becomes ~~becoming~~ law, the department shall establish a method to issue a specialty license plate voucher to allow for the presale of the specialty license plate. The processing fee as prescribed in s. 320.08056, the service charge and branch fee as prescribed in s. 320.04, and the annual use fee as prescribed in s. 320.08056 shall be charged for the voucher. All other applicable fees shall be charged at the time of issuance of the license plates.

(b) Within 24 months after the presale specialty license plate voucher is established, the approved specialty license plate organization must record with the department a minimum of 3,000 ~~1,000~~ voucher sales before manufacture of the license plate may begin ~~commence~~. If, at the conclusion of the 24-month

51 presale period, the minimum sales requirement has ~~requirements~~  
52 ~~have~~ not been met, the specialty plate is deauthorized and the  
53 department shall discontinue development of the plate and  
54 discontinue issuance of the presale vouchers. Upon  
55 deauthorization of the license plate, a purchaser of the license  
56 plate voucher may use the annual use fee collected as a credit  
57 towards any other specialty license plate or apply for a refund  
58 on a form prescribed by the department.

59 (3) (a) If the Legislature has approved 125 or more  
60 specialty license plates, the department may not make any new  
61 specialty license plates available for design, presale, or  
62 issuance until a sufficient number of plates are discontinued  
63 pursuant to s. 320.08056(8) such that the number of plates being  
64 issued is reduced to fewer than 125.

65 (b) New specialty license plates that have been approved  
66 by law but are awaiting issuance under paragraph (a) shall be  
67 issued in the order they appear in s. 320.08056(4) provided that  
68 they have met the presale requirement. All other provisions of  
69 this section must also be met before a plate is issued.

70 Section 2. Paragraphs (ff) through (ddd), (fff) through  
71 (ppp), and (sss) through (eeee) of subsection (4) of section  
72 320.08056, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (ee)  
73 through (ccc), (ddd) through (nnn), and (ooo) through (aaaa),  
74 respectively, present paragraphs (ee), (eee), (qqq), and (rrr)  
75 of that subsection are amended, new paragraphs (bbbb) through

76 (iiii) are added to that subsection, paragraphs (c) through (f)  
 77 are added to subsection (8), and paragraph (a) of subsection  
 78 (10) of that section is amended, to read:

79 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

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

82 ~~(cc) American Red Cross license plate, \$25.~~

83 ~~(ccc) Donate Organs Pass It On license plate, \$25.~~

84 ~~(qqq) St. Johns River license plate, \$25.~~

85 ~~(rrr) Hispanic Achievers license plate, \$25.~~

86 (bbbb) Auburn University license plate, \$50.

87 (cccc) Florida Lineman license plate, \$25.

88 (dddd) Donate Life Florida license plate, \$25.

89 (eeee) Florida State Beekeepers Association license plate,  
 90 \$25.

91 (ffff) Rotary license plate, \$25.

92 (gggg) Beat Childhood Cancer license plate, \$25.

93 (hhhh) Florida Bay Forever license plate, \$25.

94 (iiii) Bonefish and Tarpon Trust license plate, \$25.

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96 (c) A vehicle owner or lessee issued a specialty license  
 97 plate that has been discontinued by the department may keep the  
 98 discontinued specialty license plate for the remainder of the  
 99 10-year license plate replacement period and must pay all other  
 100 applicable registration fees. However, such owner or lessee is

101 exempt from paying the applicable specialty license plate fee  
102 under subsection (4) for the remainder of the 10-year license  
103 plate replacement period.

104 (d) If the department discontinues issuance of a specialty  
105 license plate, all annual use fees held or collected by the  
106 department shall be distributed within 180 days after the date  
107 the specialty license plate is discontinued. Of those fees, the  
108 department shall retain an amount sufficient to defray the  
109 applicable administrative and inventory closeout costs  
110 associated with discontinuance of the plate. The remaining funds  
111 shall be distributed to the appropriate organization or  
112 organizations pursuant to s. 320.08058.

113 (e) If an organization that is the intended recipient of  
114 the funds pursuant to s. 320.08058 no longer exists, the  
115 department shall deposit any undisbursed funds into the Highway  
116 Safety Operating Trust Fund.

117 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), on January 1 of each  
118 year, the department shall discontinue the specialty license  
119 plate with the fewest number of plates in circulation over the  
120 previous 24 months. A warning letter shall be mailed to the  
121 sponsoring organization following the first month in which the  
122 total number of valid specialty license plate registrations is  
123 the fewest in circulation over the previous 24 months.

124 (10) (a) A specialty license plate annual use fee collected  
125 and distributed under this chapter, or any interest earned from

126 those fees, may not be used for commercial or for-profit  
 127 activities nor for general or administrative expenses, except as  
 128 authorized by s. 320.08058 or to pay the cost of the audit or  
 129 report required by s. 320.08062(1). The fees and any interest  
 130 earned from the fees may be expended only for use in this state  
 131 unless the annual use fee is derived from the sale of United  
 132 States Armed Forces and veterans-related specialty license  
 133 plates pursuant to paragraphs (4) (d), (bb), (kk), (iii), and  
 134 (uuu) ~~(ll), (kkk), and (yyy)~~ and s. 320.0891 or out-of-state  
 135 college or university license plates pursuant to paragraph  
 136 (4) (bbbb).

137 Section 3. Effective October 1, 2021, paragraph (a) of  
 138 subsection (8) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, is  
 139 amended to read:

140 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

141 (8) (a) The department must discontinue the issuance of an  
 142 approved specialty license plate if the number of valid  
 143 specialty plate registrations falls below 3,000 ~~1,000~~ plates for  
 144 at least 12 consecutive months. A warning letter shall be mailed  
 145 to the sponsoring organization following the first month in  
 146 which the total number of valid specialty plate registrations is  
 147 below 3,000 ~~1,000~~ plates. This paragraph does not apply to  
 148 collegiate license plates established under s. 320.08058(3),  
 149 license plates of institutions in and entities of the State  
 150 University System, specialty license plates that have statutory

151 eligibility limitations for purchase, or Florida Professional  
152 Sports Team license plates established under s. 320.08058(9).

153 Section 4. Subsections (32) through (56), (58) through  
154 (68), and (71) through (83) of section 320.08058, Florida  
155 Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (31) through (55), (56)  
156 through (66), and (67) through (79), respectively, paragraph (a)  
157 of subsection (3), paragraph (a) of subsection (7), paragraph  
158 (b) of subsection (11), present subsections (31), (57), (69),  
159 and (70), and paragraph (b) of present subsection (80) are  
160 amended, and new subsections (80) through (87) are added to that  
161 section, to read:

162 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

163 (3) COLLEGIATE LICENSE PLATES.—

164 (a) The department shall develop a collegiate license  
165 plate as provided in this section for state and independent  
166 universities domiciled in this state. However, any collegiate  
167 license plate created or established after October 1, 2002, must  
168 comply with the requirements of s. 320.08053 and be specifically  
169 authorized by an act of the Legislature. Collegiate license  
170 plates must bear the colors and design approved by the  
171 department as appropriate for each state and independent  
172 university. The word "Florida" must be stamped across the bottom  
173 of the plate in small letters, except for the University of  
174 Central Florida specialty license plate, which shall have "2017  
175 National Champions" stamped across the bottom of the plate.

176 (7) SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES.—

177 (a) Special Olympics Florida license plates must contain  
 178 the official Special Olympics Florida logo and must bear the  
 179 colors and a design and colors that are approved by the  
 180 department. The word "Florida" must be centered at the top  
 181 ~~bottom~~ of the plate, and the words "Be a Fan" "~~Everyone Wins~~"  
 182 must be centered at the bottom ~~top~~ of the plate.

183 (11) INVEST IN CHILDREN LICENSE PLATES.—

184 (b) The proceeds of the Invest in Children license plate  
 185 annual use fee must be deposited into the Juvenile Crime  
 186 Prevention and Early Intervention Trust Fund within the  
 187 Department of Juvenile Justice. Based on the recommendations of  
 188 the juvenile justice councils, the Department of Juvenile  
 189 Justice shall use the proceeds of the fee to fund programs and  
 190 services that are designed to prevent juvenile delinquency. ~~The~~  
 191 ~~department shall allocate moneys for programs and services~~  
 192 ~~within each county based on that county's proportionate share of~~  
 193 ~~the license plate annual use fee collected by the county.~~

194 ~~(31) AMERICAN RED CROSS LICENSE PLATES.—~~

195 ~~(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 320.08053, the~~  
 196 ~~department shall develop an American Red Cross license plate as~~  
 197 ~~provided in this section. The word "Florida" must appear at the~~  
 198 ~~top of the plate, and the words "American Red Cross" must appear~~  
 199 ~~at the bottom of the plate.~~

200 ~~(b) The department shall retain all revenues from the sale~~



201 ~~of such plates until all startup costs for developing and~~  
202 ~~issuing the plates have been recovered. Thereafter, 50 percent~~  
203 ~~of the annual use fees shall be distributed to the American Red~~  
204 ~~Cross Chapter of Central Florida, with statistics on sales of~~  
205 ~~license plates, which are tabulated by county. The American Red~~  
206 ~~Cross Chapter of Central Florida must distribute to each of the~~  
207 ~~chapters in this state the moneys received from sales in the~~  
208 ~~counties covered by the respective chapters, which moneys must~~  
209 ~~be used for education and disaster relief in Florida. Fifty~~  
210 ~~percent of the annual use fees shall be distributed~~  
211 ~~proportionately to the three statewide approved poison control~~  
212 ~~centers for purposes of combating bioterrorism and other poison-~~  
213 ~~related purposes.~~

214 ~~(57) DONATE ORGANS-PASS IT ON LICENSE PLATES.—~~

215 ~~(a) The department shall develop a Donate Organs Pass It~~  
216 ~~On license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"~~  
217 ~~must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Donate~~  
218 ~~Organs Pass It On" must appear at the bottom of the plate.~~

219 ~~(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to Transplant~~  
220 ~~Foundation, Inc., and shall use up to 10 percent of the proceeds~~  
221 ~~from the annual use fee for marketing and administrative costs~~  
222 ~~that are directly associated with the management and~~  
223 ~~distribution of the proceeds. The remaining proceeds shall be~~  
224 ~~used to provide statewide grants for patient services, including~~  
225 ~~preoperative, rehabilitative, and housing assistance; organ~~

226 ~~donor education and awareness programs; and statewide medical~~  
227 ~~research.~~

228 ~~(69) ST. JOHNS RIVER LICENSE PLATES.—~~

229 ~~(a) The department shall develop a St. Johns River license~~  
230 ~~plate as provided in this section. The St. Johns River license~~  
231 ~~plates must bear the colors and design approved by the~~  
232 ~~department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the~~  
233 ~~plate, and the words "St. Johns River" must appear at the bottom~~  
234 ~~of the plate.~~

235 ~~(b) The requirements of s. 320.08053 must be met prior to~~  
236 ~~the issuance of the plate. Thereafter, the license plate annual~~  
237 ~~use fees shall be distributed to the St. Johns River Alliance,~~  
238 ~~Inc., a s. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which shall~~  
239 ~~administer the fees as follows:~~

240 ~~1. The St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., shall retain the~~  
241 ~~first \$60,000 of the annual use fees as direct reimbursement for~~  
242 ~~administrative costs, startup costs, and costs incurred in the~~  
243 ~~development and approval process. Thereafter, up to 10 percent~~  
244 ~~of the annual use fee revenue may be used for administrative~~  
245 ~~costs directly associated with education programs, conservation,~~  
246 ~~research, and grant administration of the organization, and up~~  
247 ~~to 10 percent may be used for promotion and marketing of the~~  
248 ~~specialty license plate.~~

249 ~~2. At least 30 percent of the fees shall be available for~~  
250 ~~competitive grants for targeted community-based or county-based~~

251 ~~research or projects for which state funding is limited or not~~  
252 ~~currently available. The remaining 50 percent shall be directed~~  
253 ~~toward community outreach and access programs. The competitive~~  
254 ~~grants shall be administered and approved by the board of~~  
255 ~~directors of the St. Johns River Alliance, Inc. A grant advisory~~  
256 ~~committee shall be composed of six members chosen by the St.~~  
257 ~~Johns River Alliance board members.~~

258 ~~3. Any remaining funds shall be distributed with the~~  
259 ~~approval of and accountability to the board of directors of the~~  
260 ~~St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., and shall be used to support~~  
261 ~~activities contributing to education, outreach, and springs~~  
262 ~~conservation.~~

263 ~~(70) HISPANIC ACHIEVERS LICENSE PLATES.~~

264 ~~(a) Notwithstanding the requirements of s. 320.08053, the~~  
265 ~~department shall develop a Hispanic Achievers license plate as~~  
266 ~~provided in this section. The plate must bear the colors and~~  
267 ~~design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must~~  
268 ~~appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Hispanic~~  
269 ~~Achievers" must appear at the bottom of the plate.~~

270 ~~(b) The proceeds from the license plate annual use fee~~  
271 ~~shall be distributed to National Hispanic Corporate Achievers,~~  
272 ~~Inc., a nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal~~  
273 ~~Revenue Code, to fund grants to nonprofit organizations to~~  
274 ~~operate programs and provide scholarships and for marketing the~~  
275 ~~Hispanic Achievers license plate. National Hispanic Corporate~~

276 ~~Achievers, Inc., shall establish a Hispanic Achievers Grant~~  
277 ~~Council that shall provide recommendations for statewide grants~~  
278 ~~from available Hispanic Achievers license plate proceeds to~~  
279 ~~nonprofit organizations for programs and scholarships for~~  
280 ~~Hispanic and minority Floridians. National Hispanic Corporate~~  
281 ~~Achievers, Inc., shall also establish a Hispanic Achievers~~  
282 ~~License Plate Fund. Moneys in the fund shall be used by the~~  
283 ~~grant council as provided in this paragraph. All funds received~~  
284 ~~under this subsection must be used in this state.~~

285 ~~(c) National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc., may~~  
286 ~~retain all proceeds from the annual use fee until documented~~  
287 ~~startup costs for developing and establishing the plate have~~  
288 ~~been recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds from the annual use fee~~  
289 ~~shall be used as follows:~~

290 ~~1. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds may be used for the~~  
291 ~~cost of administration of the Hispanic Achievers License Plate~~  
292 ~~Fund, the Hispanic Achievers Grant Council, and related matters.~~

293 ~~2. Funds may be used as necessary for annual audit or~~  
294 ~~compliance affidavit costs.~~

295 ~~3. Up to 20 percent of the proceeds may be used to market~~  
296 ~~and promote the Hispanic Achievers license plate.~~

297 ~~4. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds shall be used by~~  
298 ~~the Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc., located in Seminole~~  
299 ~~County, for grants.~~

300 ~~5. The remaining proceeds shall be available to the~~

301 ~~Hispanic Achievers Grant Council to award grants for services,~~  
302 ~~programs, or scholarships for Hispanic and minority individuals~~  
303 ~~and organizations throughout Florida. All grant recipients must~~  
304 ~~provide to the Hispanic Achievers Grant Council an annual~~  
305 ~~program and financial report regarding the use of grant funds.~~  
306 ~~Such reports must be available to the public.~~

307 ~~(d) Effective July 1, 2014, the Hispanic Achievers license~~  
308 ~~plate will shift into the presale voucher phase, as provided in~~  
309 ~~s. 320.08053(2)(b). National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc.,~~  
310 ~~shall have 24 months to record a minimum of 1,000 sales. Sales~~  
311 ~~include existing active plates and vouchers sold subsequent to~~  
312 ~~July 1, 2014. During the voucher period, new plates may not be~~  
313 ~~issued, but existing plates may be renewed. If, at the~~  
314 ~~conclusion of the 24-month presale period, the requirement of a~~  
315 ~~minimum of 1,000 sales has been met, the department shall resume~~  
316 ~~normal distribution of the Hispanic Achievers license plate. If,~~  
317 ~~after 24 months, the minimum of 1,000 sales has not been met,~~  
318 ~~the department shall discontinue the Hispanic Achievers license~~  
319 ~~plate. This subsection is repealed June 30, 2016.~~

320 ~~(76)-(80) FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS LICENSE PLATES.-~~

321 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Police  
322 and Kids Foundation, Inc., which may use up to a maximum of 10  
323 percent of the proceeds for marketing to promote and market the  
324 plate. All remaining ~~The remainder of the~~ proceeds shall be  
325 distributed to and used by the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc.,

326 for its operations, activities, programs, and projects ~~to invest~~  
327 ~~and reinvest, and the interest earnings shall be used for the~~  
328 ~~operation of the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc.~~

329 (80) AUBURN UNIVERSITY LICENSE PLATES.—

330 (a) The department shall develop an Auburn University  
331 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The  
332 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the  
333 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
334 plate, and the words "War Eagle" must appear at the bottom of  
335 the plate.

336 (b) The Tampa Bay Auburn Club is the lead club on behalf  
337 of the Auburn clubs in this state. The annual use fees from the  
338 sale of the plate shall be distributed to the Tampa Bay Auburn  
339 Club, together with statistics on sales of the license plates  
340 tabulated by county. The Tampa Bay Auburn Club must distribute  
341 to each of the state's Auburn clubs on a pro rata basis the  
342 moneys received from sales in the regions within the respective  
343 club's area for the purpose of awarding scholarships to Florida  
344 residents attending Auburn University. Students receiving these  
345 scholarships must be eligible for the Florida Bright Futures  
346 Scholarship Program pursuant to s. 1009.531 and shall use the  
347 scholarship funds for tuition and other expenses related to  
348 attending Auburn University.

349 (81) FLORIDA LINEMAN LICENSE PLATES.—

350 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Lineman license

351 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate  
352 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The  
353 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the  
354 words "Thank a Lineman" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

355 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall  
356 be distributed to the Northwest Lineman College Florida Campus,  
357 which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for  
358 administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The Northwest  
359 Lineman College Florida Campus may distribute up to 20 percent  
360 of the proceeds to the American Red Cross to be used for  
361 disaster relief efforts.

362 (82) DONATE LIFE FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES.-

363 (a) The department shall develop a Donate Life Florida  
364 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The  
365 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the  
366 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
367 plate, and the words "Donors Save Lives" must appear at the  
368 bottom of the plate.

369 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall  
370 be distributed to Donate Life Florida, which may use up to 10  
371 percent of the proceeds for marketing and administrative costs.  
372 The remaining proceeds of the annual use fees shall be used by  
373 Donate Life Florida to educate Florida residents on the  
374 importance of organ, tissue, and eye donation and for the  
375 continued maintenance of the Joshua Abbott Organ and Tissue

376 Donor Registry.

377 (83) FLORIDA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.—

378 (a) The department shall develop a Florida State  
379 Beekeepers Association license plate as provided in this section  
380 and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design  
381 approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at  
382 the top of the plate, and the words "Save the Bees" must appear  
383 at the bottom of the plate.

384 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the  
385 Florida State Beekeepers Association, a Florida nonprofit  
386 corporation. The Florida State Beekeepers Association may use up  
387 to 10 percent of the annual use fees for administrative,  
388 promotional, and marketing costs of the license plate.

389 (c) The remaining funds shall be distributed to the  
390 Florida State Beekeepers Association and shall be used to raise  
391 awareness of the importance of beekeeping to Florida agriculture  
392 by funding honeybee research, education, outreach, and  
393 husbandry. The Florida State Beekeepers Association board of  
394 managers must approve and is accountable for all such  
395 expenditures.

396 (84) ROTARY LICENSE PLATES.—

397 (a) The department shall develop a Rotary license plate as  
398 provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear  
399 the colors and design approved by the department. The word  
400 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the word



401 "Rotary" must appear on the bottom of the plate. The license  
402 plate must bear the Rotary International wheel emblem.

403 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the  
404 Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc., to be used as follows:

405 1. Up to 10 percent may be used for administrative costs  
406 and for marketing of the plate.

407 2. Ten percent shall be distributed to Rotary's Camp  
408 Florida for direct support to all programs and services provided  
409 to children with special needs who attend the camp.

410 3. The remainder shall be distributed, proportionally  
411 based on sales, to each Rotary district in the state in support  
412 of Rotary youth programs in Florida.

413 (85) BEAT CHILDHOOD CANCER LICENSE PLATES.—

414 (a) The department shall develop a Beat Childhood Cancer  
415 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The  
416 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the  
417 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
418 plate, and the words "Beat Childhood Cancer" must appear at the  
419 bottom of the plate.

420 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall  
421 be distributed to Beat Nb, Inc., which may use up to 10 percent  
422 of the proceeds for administrative costs directly associated  
423 with the operation of the corporation and for marketing and  
424 promoting the plate. The remaining proceeds shall be used by the  
425 corporation to fund pediatric cancer treatment and research.

426 (86) FLORIDA BAY FOREVER LICENSE PLATES.—

427 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Bay Forever  
428 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The  
429 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the  
430 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
431 plate, and the words "Florida Bay Forever" must appear at the  
432 bottom of the plate.

433 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall  
434 be distributed to the Florida National Park Association, Inc.,  
435 which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for  
436 administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The remainder  
437 of the funds shall be used to supplement the Everglades National  
438 Park's budgets and to support educational, interpretive,  
439 historical, and scientific research relating to the Everglades  
440 National Park.

441 (87) BONEFISH AND TARPON TRUST LICENSE PLATES.—

442 (a) The department shall develop a Bonefish and Tarpon  
443 Trust license plate as provided in this section and s.  
444 320.08053. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
445 plate, and the words "Bonefish and Tarpon Trust" must appear at  
446 the bottom of the plate.

447 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall  
448 be distributed to the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust, which may use  
449 up to 10 percent of the proceeds to promote and market the  
450 license plate. The remainder of the proceeds shall be used to

451 conserve and enhance Florida bonefish and tarpon fisheries and  
 452 their respective environments through stewardship, research,  
 453 education, and advocacy.

454 Section 5. Section 320.08062, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 455 to read:

456 320.08062 Audits and attestations required; annual use  
 457 fees of specialty license plates.—

458 (1) (a) All organizations that receive annual use fee  
 459 proceeds from the department are responsible for ensuring that  
 460 proceeds are used in accordance with ss. 320.08056 and  
 461 320.08058.

462 (b) Any organization not subject to audit pursuant to s.  
 463 215.97 shall annually attest, under penalties of perjury, that  
 464 such proceeds were used in compliance with ss. 320.08056 and  
 465 320.08058. The attestation shall be made annually in a form and  
 466 format determined by the department. In addition, the department  
 467 shall audit any such organization every 2 years to ensure  
 468 proceeds have been used in compliance with ss. 320.08056 and  
 469 320.08058.

470 (c) Any organization subject to audit pursuant to s.  
 471 215.97 shall submit an audit report in accordance with rules  
 472 promulgated by the Auditor General. The annual attestation shall  
 473 be submitted to the department for review within 9 months after  
 474 the end of the organization's fiscal year.

475 (2) (a) Within 120 days after receiving an organization's  
476 audit or attestation, the department shall determine which  
477 recipients of revenues from specialty license plate annual use  
478 fees have not complied with subsection (1). In determining  
479 compliance, the department may commission an independent  
480 actuarial consultant, or an independent certified public  
481 accountant, who has expertise in nonprofit and charitable  
482 organizations.

483 (b) The department must discontinue the distribution of  
484 revenues to any organization failing to submit the required  
485 documentation as required in subsection (1), but may resume  
486 distribution of the revenues upon receipt of the required  
487 information.

488 (c) If the department or its designee determines that an  
489 organization has not complied or has failed to use the revenues  
490 in accordance with ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, the department  
491 must discontinue the distribution of the revenues to the  
492 organization. The department shall notify the organization of  
493 its findings and direct the organization to make the changes  
494 necessary in order to comply with this chapter. If the officers  
495 of the organization sign an affidavit under penalties of perjury  
496 stating that they acknowledge the findings of the department and  
497 attest that they have taken corrective action and that the  
498 organization will submit to a followup review by the department,  
499 the department may resume the distribution of revenues.

500 (d) If an organization fails to comply with the  
501 department's recommendations and corrective actions as outlined  
502 in paragraph (c), the revenue distributions shall be  
503 discontinued until completion of the next regular session of the  
504 Legislature. The department shall notify the President of the  
505 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by the  
506 first day of the next regular session of any organization whose  
507 revenues have been withheld as a result of this paragraph. If  
508 the Legislature does not provide direction to the organization  
509 and the department regarding the status of the undistributed  
510 revenues, the department shall deauthorize the plate and the  
511 undistributed revenues shall be immediately deposited into the  
512 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

513 (3) The department or its designee has the authority to  
514 examine all records pertaining to the use of funds from the sale  
515 of specialty license plates.

516 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
517 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

518 320.089 Veterans of the United States Armed Forces;  
519 members of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple  
520 Heart medal recipients; Bronze Star recipients; active or  
521 retired United States Armed Forces reservists; Combat Infantry  
522 Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or Combat Action Badge recipients;  
523 Combat Action Ribbon recipients; Air Force Combat Action Medal  
524 recipients; Distinguished Flying Cross recipients; former

525 prisoners of war; Korean War Veterans; Vietnam War Veterans;  
526 Operation Desert Shield Veterans; Operation Desert Storm  
527 Veterans; Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; Operation Iraqi  
528 Freedom Veterans; Women Veterans; World War II Veterans; and  
529 Navy Submariners; special license plates; fee.—

530 (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
531 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
532 320.08(9) (c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial  
533 use, who is a resident of the state and a veteran of the United  
534 States Armed Forces, a Woman Veteran, a World War II Veteran, a  
535 Navy Submariner, an active or retired member of the Florida  
536 National Guard, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a  
537 recipient of the Purple Heart medal, a recipient of the Bronze  
538 Star, an active or retired member of any branch of the United  
539 States Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat  
540 Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge,  
541 Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or  
542 Distinguished Flying Cross, upon application to the department,  
543 accompanied by proof of release or discharge from any branch of  
544 the United States Armed Forces, proof of active membership or  
545 retired status in the Florida National Guard, proof of  
546 membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or proof of  
547 active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof  
548 of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, proof of being a Bronze  
549 Star recipient, proof of active or retired membership in any

550 branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of  
551 membership in the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., proof  
552 of being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat  
553 Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air  
554 Force Combat Action Medal, or Distinguished Flying Cross, and  
555 upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in  
556 s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as provided by s.  
557 320.06 which, in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s.  
558 320.06, is stamped with the words "Veteran," "Woman Veteran,"  
559 "WWII Veteran," "Navy Submariner," "National Guard," "Pearl  
560 Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," "Bronze Star," "U.S.  
561 Reserve," "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge,"  
562 "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action Ribbon," "Air Force Combat  
563 Action Medal," or "Distinguished Flying Cross," as appropriate,  
564 and a likeness of the related campaign medal or badge, followed  
565 by the serial number of the license plate. Additionally, the  
566 Purple Heart plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on  
567 the plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing  
568 on the plate.

569 Section 7. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
570 act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2018.