

Bill No. SB 1900

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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on  
Transportation

1                                   A bill to be entitled

2           An act relating to license plates; amending s.

3           320.08056, F.S.; discontinuing the annual use

4           fee for the Girl Scout license plate;

5           increasing the annual use fee for the Sea

6           Turtle license plate; increasing the annual use

7           fee for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

8           license plate; establishing annual use fees for

9           the Florida NASCAR license plate, the

10          Corrections Foundation license plate, and the

11          Protect Florida Springs license plate;

12          authorizing the placement of a sponsoring

13          organization's Internet domain name on a

14          specialty license plate; prohibiting annual use

15          fees from the sale of specialty license plates,

16          or the interest earned thereon, from being used

17          for the purpose of marketing to, or lobbying,

18          entertaining, or rewarding, an employee of a

19          governmental agency that is responsible for the

20          sale and distribution of specialty license

21          plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.;

22          authorizing the use of a specified percentage

23          of the proceeds from the sale of the Florida

24          Educational license plate for marketing and

25          promotion expenses; authorizing the use of

26          certain proceeds from the sale of the Florida

27          Agricultural license plate for promotion,

28          marketing, and administrative costs and for

29          Florida agriculture in the classroom programs;

30          deleting provisions establishing the Girl Scout

31          license plate; creating the Florida NASCAR

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1 license plate; providing for the distribution  
2 of use fees received from the sale of such  
3 plate to the Florida Sports Foundation, the  
4 National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing,  
5 and the NASCAR Foundation; requiring the  
6 Florida Sports Association to provide for an  
7 annual audit to be submitted to the Office of  
8 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for  
9 certification to the Auditor General; creating  
10 the Corrections Foundation license plate;  
11 providing for the distribution of annual use  
12 fees received from the sale of such plate to a  
13 direct-support organization; creating the  
14 Protect Florida Springs license plate;  
15 providing for the annual use fees from the sale  
16 of such plate to be distributed to the Wildlife  
17 Foundation of Florida, Inc.; repealing s.  
18 320.0848(2)(c), F.S., relating to an  
19 administrative processing fee imposed upon  
20 issuance of a disabled parking permit; creating  
21 s. 320.0894, F.S.; directing the Department of  
22 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop  
23 and issue a Gold Star license plate honoring  
24 the family members of servicemembers who have  
25 been killed while serving in the Armed Forces  
26 of the United States; providing for design of  
27 the plate; providing eligibility requirements;  
28 providing for payment of certain taxes and  
29 fees; providing an effective date.

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

1           Section 1. Subsections (4) and (6) of section  
 2 320.08056, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (11)  
 3 and (12) are added to that section, to read:

4           320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

7           (a) Manatee license plate, \$20.

8           (b) Challenger/Columbia license plate, \$25, except  
 9 that a person that purchases 1,000 or more of such license  
 10 plates shall pay an annual use fee of \$15 per plate.

11           (c) Collegiate license plate, \$25.

12           (d) Florida Salutes Veterans license plate, \$15.

13           (e) Florida panther license plate, \$25.

14           (f) Florida United States Olympic Committee license  
 15 plate, \$15.

16           (g) Florida Special Olympics license plate, \$15.

17           (h) Florida educational license plate, \$20.

18           (i) Florida Professional Sports Team license plate,  
 19 \$25.

20           (j) Florida Indian River Lagoon license plate, \$15.

21           (k) Invest in Children license plate, \$20.

22           (l) Florida arts license plate, \$20.

23           (m) Bethune-Cookman College license plate, \$25.

24           (n) Florida Agricultural license plate, \$20.

25           ~~(o) Girl Scout license plate, \$20.~~

26           (o)~~(p)~~ Police Athletic League license plate, \$20.

27           (p)~~(q)~~ Boy Scouts of America license plate, \$20.

28           (q)~~(r)~~ Largemouth Bass license plate, \$25.

29           (r)~~(s)~~ Sea Turtle license plate, \$23 ~~\$17.50~~.

30           (s)~~(t)~~ Protect Wild Dolphins license plate, \$20.

31           (t)~~(u)~~ Barry University license plate, \$25.

- 1        ~~(u)(v)~~ Everglades River of Grass license plate, \$20.
- 2        ~~(v)(w)~~ Keep Kids Drug-Free license plate, \$25.
- 3        ~~(w)(x)~~ Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches license plate,
- 4 ~~\$25~~ ~~\$20~~.
- 5        ~~(x)(y)~~ Conserve Wildlife license plate, \$15.
- 6        ~~(y)(z)~~ Florida Memorial University license plate, \$25.
- 7        ~~(z)(aa)~~ Tampa Bay Estuary license plate, \$15.
- 8        ~~(aa)(bb)~~ Florida Wildflower license plate, \$15.
- 9        ~~(bb)(cc)~~ United States Marine Corps license plate,
- 10 \$15.
- 11       ~~(cc)(dd)~~ Choose Life license plate, \$20.
- 12       ~~(dd)(ee)~~ Share the Road license plate, \$15.
- 13       ~~(ee)(ff)~~ American Red Cross license plate, \$25.
- 14       ~~(ff)(gg)~~ United We Stand license plate, \$25.
- 15       ~~(gg)(hh)~~ Breast Cancer Research license plate, \$25.
- 16       ~~(hh)(ii)~~ Protect Florida Whales license plate, \$25.
- 17       ~~(ii)(jj)~~ Florida Golf license plate, \$25.
- 18       ~~(jj)(kk)~~ Florida Firefighters license plate, \$20.
- 19       ~~(kk)(ll)~~ Police Benevolent Association license plate,
- 20 \$20.
- 21       ~~(ll)(mm)~~ Military Services license plate, \$15.
- 22       ~~(mm)(nn)~~ Protect Our Reefs license plate, \$25.
- 23       ~~(nn)(oo)~~ Fish Florida license plate, \$22.
- 24       ~~(oo)(pp)~~ Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention
- 25 license plate, \$25.
- 26       ~~(pp)(qq)~~ Hospice license plate, \$25.
- 27       ~~(qq)(rr)~~ Stop Heart Disease license plate, \$25.
- 28       ~~(rr)(ss)~~ Save Our Seas license plate, \$25, except that
- 29 for an owner purchasing the specialty license plate for more
- 30 than 10 vehicles registered to that owner, the annual use fee
- 31 shall be \$10 per plate.

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1           ~~(ss)(tt)~~ Aquaculture license plate, \$25, except that  
 2 for an owner purchasing the specialty license plate for more  
 3 than 10 vehicles registered to that owner, the annual use fee  
 4 shall be \$10 per plate.

5           ~~(tt)(uu)~~ Family First license plate, \$25.

6           ~~(uu)(vv)~~ Sportsmen's National Land Trust license  
 7 plates, \$25.

8           ~~(vv)(ww)~~ Live the Dream license plate, \$25.

9           ~~(ww)(xx)~~ Florida Food Banks license plate, \$25.

10          ~~(xx)(yy)~~ Discover Florida's Oceans license plate, \$25.

11          ~~(yy)(zz)~~ Family Values license plate, \$25.

12          ~~(zz)(aaa)~~ Parents Make A Difference license plate,  
 13 \$25.

14          ~~(aaa)(bbb)~~ Support Soccer license plate, \$25.

15          ~~(bbb)(ccc)~~ Kids Deserve Justice license plate, \$25.

16          ~~(ccc)(ddd)~~ Animal Friend license plate, \$25.

17          ~~(ddd)(eee)~~ Future Farmers of America license plate,  
 18 \$25.

19          ~~(eee)(fff)~~ Donate Organs-Pass It On license plate,  
 20 \$25.

21          ~~(fff)(ggg)~~ A State of Vision license plate, \$25.

22          ~~(ggg)(hhh)~~ Homeownership For All license plate, \$25.

23          ~~(hhh)~~ Florida NASCAR license plate, \$25.

24          ~~(iii)~~ Corrections Foundation license plate, \$25.

25          ~~(jjj)~~ Protect Florida Springs license plate, \$25.

26           (6) Specialty license plates must bear the design  
 27 required by law for the appropriate specialty license plate,  
 28 and the designs and colors must conform to the department's  
 29 design specifications. In addition to a design, the specialty  
 30 license plates may bear the imprint of numerals from 1 to 999,  
 31 inclusive, capital letters "A" through "Z," or a combination

1 thereof. The department shall determine the maximum number of  
 2 characters, including both numerals and letters. All specialty  
 3 license plates must be otherwise of the same material and size  
 4 as standard license plates issued for any registration period.  
 5 A specialty license plate may bear an appropriate slogan,  
 6 emblem, or logo in a size and placement that conforms to the  
 7 department's design specifications. The sponsoring  
 8 organization's Internet domain name may appear on the plate.

9       (11) The annual use fee from the sale of specialty  
 10 license plates, the interest earned from those fees, or any  
 11 fees received by an agency as a result of the sale of  
 12 specialty license plates may not be used for the purpose of  
 13 marketing to, or lobbying, entertaining, or rewarding, an  
 14 employee of a governmental agency that is responsible for the  
 15 sale and distribution of specialty license plates.

16       (12) The application form for a specialty license  
 17 plate shall provide the applicant the option to instruct the  
 18 department to provide his or her name, address, and renewal  
 19 date to the sponsoring organization.

20       Section 2. Subsections (8), (14), and (15) of section  
 21 320.08058, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections  
 22 (61), (62), and (63), are added to that section, to read:

23       320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

24       (8) FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL LICENSE PLATES.--

25       (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
 26 Vehicles shall develop a Florida educational license plate as  
 27 provided in this section. Florida educational license plates  
 28 must bear a design and colors that the department approves.  
 29 The word "Florida" must appear in small letters at the top of  
 30 the plate.

31       (b) The license annual use fees are to be distributed

1 annually as follows:

2 1. Up to 10 percent of the moneys raised from the sale  
3 of the plates may be used for continuing marketing and  
4 promotion of the plates.

5 ~~2.1.~~ In each school district that has a district  
6 prekindergarten through grade 12 public school foundation or a  
7 direct-support organization, the moneys raised in that school  
8 district through the sale of Florida educational license  
9 plates must be distributed to the foundation or organization  
10 for enhancing educational programs.

11 ~~3.2.~~ In each school district that does not have a  
12 district prekindergarten through grade 12 public school  
13 foundation or a direct-support organization, the moneys raised  
14 in that school district through the sale of Florida  
15 educational license plates must be distributed to the district  
16 school board and must be used at the discretion of the board  
17 for enhancing educational programs.

18 (14) FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL LICENSE PLATES.--

19 (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
20 Vehicles shall develop a Florida Agricultural license plate.  
21 Florida Agricultural license plates must bear the colors and  
22 design approved by the department. The word "Agriculture"  
23 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Keeps  
24 Florida Green" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

25 (b) The proceeds of the Florida Agricultural license  
26 plate annual use fee must be forwarded to the direct-support  
27 organization created in s. 570.903. The funds must be used for  
28 the sole purpose of funding and promoting the Florida  
29 agriculture in the classroom program established within the  
30 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to s.  
31 570.91.

1           (c) Up to 25 percent of the funds distributed under  
 2 paragraphs (a) and (b) may be used for promotion, marketing,  
 3 and administrative costs directly associated with the license  
 4 plate and Florida agriculture in the classroom programs.

5           ~~(15) GIRL SCOUT LICENSE PLATES.--~~

6           ~~(a) The department shall develop a Girl Scout license~~  
 7 ~~plate as provided in this section to commemorate the Girl~~  
 8 ~~Scout councils in this state. The word "Florida" must appear~~  
 9 ~~at the top of the plate, and the words "For Her Future" must~~  
 10 ~~appear at the bottom of the plate.~~

11           ~~(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the~~  
 12 ~~Citrus Council of Girl Scouts, Inc., which shall distribute~~  
 13 ~~funds to the following Girl Scout councils equal to the annual~~  
 14 ~~use fees received from counties served by each council:~~

- 15           ~~1. Citrus Council of Girl Scouts, Inc.~~
- 16           ~~2. Gateway Girl Scout Council, Inc.~~
- 17           ~~3. Girl Scouts of Broward County, Inc.~~
- 18           ~~4. Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida, Inc.~~
- 19           ~~5. Heart of Florida Girl Scout Council, Inc.~~
- 20           ~~6. Palm Glades Girl Scout Council, Inc.~~
- 21           ~~7. Suncoast Girl Scout Council, Inc.~~

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 23 ~~Funds collected in counties not served by one of the above~~  
 24 ~~councils shall be used by the Citrus Council of Girl Scouts,~~  
 25 ~~Inc., to reimburse expenditures made on behalf of other~~  
 26 ~~councils to comply with s. 320.08053. Once those expenditures~~  
 27 ~~have been reimbursed, the funds shall be distributed to the~~  
 28 ~~Girl Scout councils serving those counties in the same manner~~  
 29 ~~as funds are distributed to the listed councils.~~

30           (61) FLORIDA NASCAR LICENSE PLATES.--

31           (a) The department shall develop a Florida NASCAR

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1 license plate as provided in this section. Florida NASCAR  
2 license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the  
3 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
4 plate, and the term "NASCAR" must appear at the bottom of the  
5 plate. The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing,  
6 following consultation with the Florida Sports Foundation, may  
7 submit a sample plate for consideration by the department.

8 (b) The license plate annual use fees shall be  
9 distributed to the Florida Sports Foundation, a direct-support  
10 organization of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
11 Development. The license plate annual use fees shall be  
12 annually allocated as follows:

13 1. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds from the annual use  
14 fees may be used by the Florida Sports Foundation for the  
15 administration of the NASCAR license plate program.

16 2. The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing  
17 shall receive up to \$80,000 in proceeds from the annual use  
18 fees to be used to pay startup costs, including costs incurred  
19 in developing and issuing the plates. Thereafter, 10 percent  
20 of the proceeds from the annual use fees shall be provided to  
21 the association for the royalty rights for the use of its  
22 marks.

23 3. The remaining proceeds from the annual use fees  
24 shall be distributed to the Florida Sports Foundation. The  
25 Florida Sports Foundation will retain 15 percent to support  
26 its regional grant program, attracting sporting events to  
27 Florida; 20 percent to support the marketing of  
28 motorsports-related tourism in the state; and 50 percent to be  
29 paid to the NASCAR Foundation, a s. 501(c)(3) charitable  
30 organization, to support Florida-based charitable  
31 organizations.

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1           (c) The Florida Sports Foundation shall provide an  
2 annual financial audit in accordance with s. 215.981 of its  
3 financial accounts and records by an independent certified  
4 public accountant pursuant to the contract established by the  
5 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development as  
6 specified in s. 288.1229(5). The auditor shall submit the  
7 audit report to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
8 Development for review and approval. If the audit report is  
9 approved, the office shall certify the audit report to the  
10 Auditor General for review.

11           (62) CORRECTIONS FOUNDATION LICENSE PLATES.--

12           (a) The department shall develop a Corrections  
13 Foundation license plate as provided in this section. The word  
14 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, the words  
15 "Corrections Foundation" must appear at the bottom of the  
16 plate, and the Corrections Foundation logo must appear to the  
17 left of the numerals.

18           (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to  
19 Corrections Foundation, Inc., a direct-support organization  
20 created pursuant to s. 944.802, and shall be used to continue  
21 and expand the charitable work of the foundation, as provided  
22 in s. 944.802 and the articles of incorporation of the  
23 foundation.

24           (63) PROTECT FLORIDA SPRINGS LICENSE PLATES.--

25           (a) The department shall develop a Protect Florida  
26 Springs license plate as provided in this section. The word  
27 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words  
28 "Protect Florida Springs" must appear at the bottom of the  
29 plate.

30           (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the  
31 Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc., a citizen-support

1 organization created pursuant to s. 372.0215, which shall  
2 administer the fees as follows:

3 1. Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc., shall retain  
4 the first \$60,000 of the annual use fees as direct  
5 reimbursement for administrative costs, startup costs, and  
6 costs incurred in the development and approval process.

7 2. Thereafter, a maximum of 10 percent of the fees may  
8 be used for administrative costs directly associated with  
9 education programs, conservation, springs research, and grant  
10 administration of the foundation. A maximum of 15 percent of  
11 the fees may be used for continuing promotion and marketing of  
12 the license plate.

13 3. At least 55 percent of the fees shall be available  
14 for competitive grants, with highest priorities given to  
15 community-based springs programs and projects specifically  
16 related to education, outreach, and springs conservation. The  
17 competitive grants shall be administered and approved by the  
18 board of directors of the Wildlife Foundation of Florida. The  
19 granting advisory committee shall be composed of nine members,  
20 including one representative from the Fish and Wildlife  
21 Conservation Commission, one representative from the  
22 Department of Environmental Protection, one representative  
23 from the Department of Health, one representative from the  
24 Department of Community Affairs, three citizen  
25 representatives, and two representatives from nonprofit  
26 stakeholder groups.

27 4. The remaining funds shall be distributed with the  
28 approval of and accountability to the board of directors of  
29 the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, and shall be used to  
30 support activities contributing to education, outreach, and  
31 springs conservation.

1           Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
2 320.0848, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

3           Section 4. Section 320.0894, Florida Statutes, is  
4 created to read:

5           320.0894 Motor vehicle license plates to Gold Star  
6 family members.--The department shall develop a special  
7 license plate honoring the family members of servicemembers  
8 who have been killed while serving in the Armed Forces of the  
9 United States. The license plate shall be officially  
10 designated as the Gold Star license plate and shall be  
11 developed and issued as provided in this section.

12           (1) The Gold Star license plate must bear the colors  
13 and design approved by the department in cooperation with  
14 supporters of the license plate. The word "Florida" must  
15 appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Gold Star  
16 Family" must appear at the bottom of the plate. The plate  
17 shall bear a unique design that includes the symbol for a  
18 fallen servicemember, a gold star with blue fringe on a white  
19 background with a red border. The symbol shall be no larger  
20 than 3 inches by 3 inches and shall be placed in a conspicuous  
21 place to the left of the identifying number of the plate,  
22 which identifying number shall consist of no more than six  
23 alphanumeric characters.

24           (2) This section shall not be implemented until such  
25 time as the state has, through a licensing agreement or  
26 otherwise, received such license or other permission as may be  
27 required to implement this section. The designs of the initial  
28 and subsequent editions of the Gold Star license plate, except  
29 any part of the designs owned by others and licensed to the  
30 state, shall be owned solely by the state for its exclusive  
31 use and control, except as authorized by the department. The

1 department may take such steps as may be necessary to give  
 2 notice of and protect such right, including the copyright or  
 3 copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of the  
 4 ownership and exclusive use and control established by this  
 5 subsection as a matter of law, and no person shall reproduce  
 6 or otherwise use such designs except as authorized by the  
 7 department.

8       (3)(a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck  
 9 for private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
 10 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
 11 which automobile, truck, or vehicle is not used for hire or  
 12 commercial use, who is a resident of this state, and who meets  
 13 the qualifications provided in subsection (4) shall, upon  
 14 application therefor to the department and payment of the  
 15 license tax and appropriate fees established in this chapter,  
 16 be issued a Gold Star license plate. Each initial application  
 17 for a Gold Star license plate must be accompanied by proof  
 18 that the applicant meets the requirements provided in  
 19 subsection (4).

20       (b) The surviving spouse and a surviving parent  
 21 meeting the requirements in subsection (4) shall each, upon  
 22 application therefor, be issued the Gold Star license plate  
 23 for one vehicle per household free of charge. Renewal decals  
 24 for the plate issued under this paragraph shall be issued at  
 25 no cost.

26       (4)(a)1. The Gold Star license plate shall be issued  
 27 only to family members of a servicemember who resided in  
 28 Florida at the time of the death of the servicemember.

29       2. To qualify for issuance of a Gold Star license  
 30 plate, the applicant must be directly related to a fallen  
 31 servicemember as spouse, legal mother or father, or stepparent

1 who is currently married to the mother or father of the fallen  
2 servicemember.

3 3. A servicemember is deemed to have been killed while  
4 in service as listed by the United States Department of  
5 Defense and may be verified from documentation directly from  
6 the Department of Defense or from its subordinate agencies,  
7 such as the Coast Guard, Reserve, or National Guard.

8 (b) The applicant must provide documentation of the  
9 fact that the servicemember was killed while serving and proof  
10 of relationship to the servicemember to the tax collector or  
11 license plate agent before being issued a Gold Star license  
12 plate. The tax collector or license plate agent may waive the  
13 requirement for such documentation and proof if he or she has  
14 actual knowledge of the family relationship and that the  
15 servicemember was killed while serving.

16 (5) An eligible family member may request a Gold Star  
17 license plate at any time during his or her registration  
18 period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid  
19 license plate, the license plate shall be issued with  
20 appropriate renewal decals attached.

21 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.  
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