

Council Substitute for House Bill No. 1027

An act relating to funding for state veterans' homes; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; expanding the types of veterans special license plates from which revenues may be used to fund state veterans' homes; providing for additional revenue from the sale of such plates to be used to construct, maintain, and operate the homes; amending s. 320.02, F.S.; providing for a check-off provision on motor vehicle registration application and renewal forms to authorize a voluntary donation to the state veterans' homes; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.089 Members of National Guard and active United States Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients; Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; special license plates; fee.—

(1)

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from the sale of license plates issued under this section ~~which are stamped with the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve"~~ shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated from the sale of such plates, up to \$100,000, shall be deposited into the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct, operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

Section 2. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (16) of section 320.02, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.02 Registration required; application fee for registration; forms.—

(16)

(f) Notwithstanding s. 320.023, the application form for motor vehicle registration and renewal of registration must include language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to the state homes for veterans, to be distributed on a quarterly basis by the department to the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund, which is administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

For the purpose of applying the service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received under this subsection are not income of a revenue nature.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor May 28, 2008.

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