

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending
 3 s. 320.08056, F.S.; providing annual use fees for the
 4 Orlando City Soccer Club and Jacksonville Armada
 5 Football Club specialty license plates; amending s.
 6 320.08058, F.S.; providing additional entities
 7 eligible for a Florida Professional Sports Teams
 8 license plate; requiring the Department of Highway
 9 Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop an Orlando City
 10 Soccer Club license plate and a Jacksonville Armada
 11 Football Club license plate; providing an effective
 12 date.

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

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 16 Section 1. Paragraphs (ffff) and (gggg) are added to
 17 subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to read:

18 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

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

21 (ffff) Orlando City Soccer Club license plate, \$25.

22 (gggg) Jacksonville Armada Football Club license plate,
 23 \$25.

24 Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 320.08058, Florida
 25 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (84) and (85) are added to
 26 that section, to read:

27 | 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

28 | (9) FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM LICENSE PLATES.—

29 | (a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
30 | shall develop a Florida Professional Sports Team license plate
31 | as provided in this section for Major League Baseball, National
32 | Basketball Association, National Football League, Arena Football
33 | League, National Hockey League, ~~and~~ Major League Soccer, and
34 | North American Soccer League teams domiciled in this state.
35 | However, any Florida Professional Sports Team license plate
36 | created or established after January 1, 1997, must comply with
37 | the requirements of s. 320.08053 and be specifically authorized
38 | by an act of the Legislature. Florida Professional Sports Team
39 | license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the
40 | department and must include the official league or team logo, or
41 | both, as appropriate for each team. The word "Florida" must
42 | appear at the top of the plate.

43 | (b) The license plate annual use fees are to be annually
44 | distributed as follows:

45 | 1. Fifty-five percent of the proceeds from the Florida
46 | Professional Sports Team plate must be deposited into the
47 | Professional Sports Development Trust Fund within the Department
48 | of Economic Opportunity. These funds must be used solely to
49 | attract and support major sports events in this state. As used
50 | in this subparagraph, the term "major sports events" means, but
51 | is not limited to, championship or all-star contests of Major
52 | League Baseball, the National Basketball Association, the

53 National Football League, the National Hockey League, Major
54 League Soccer, the North American Soccer League, the men's and
55 women's National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four
56 basketball championship, or a horseracing or dogracing Breeders'
57 Cup. All funds must be used to support and promote major
58 sporting events, and the uses must be approved by the Department
59 of Economic Opportunity.

60 2. The remaining proceeds of the Florida Professional
61 Sports Team license plate must be allocated to Enterprise
62 Florida, Inc. These funds must be deposited into the
63 Professional Sports Development Trust Fund within the Department
64 of Economic Opportunity. These funds must be used by Enterprise
65 Florida, Inc., to promote the economic development of the sports
66 industry; to distribute licensing and royalty fees to
67 participating professional sports teams; to promote education
68 programs in Florida schools that provide an awareness of the
69 benefits of physical activity and nutrition standards; to
70 partner with the Department of Education and the Department of
71 Health to develop a program that recognizes schools whose
72 students demonstrate excellent physical fitness or fitness
73 improvement; to institute a grant program for communities
74 bidding on minor sporting events that create an economic impact
75 for the state; to distribute funds to Florida-based charities
76 designated by Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the participating
77 professional sports teams; and to fulfill the sports promotion
78 responsibilities of the Department of Economic Opportunity.

79 3. Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall provide an annual
 80 financial audit in accordance with s. 215.981 of its financial
 81 accounts and records by an independent certified public
 82 accountant pursuant to the contract established by the
 83 Department of Economic Opportunity. The auditor shall submit the
 84 audit report to the Department of Economic Opportunity for
 85 review and approval. If the audit report is approved, the
 86 Department of Economic Opportunity shall certify the audit
 87 report to the Auditor General for review.

88 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs 1. and
 89 2., proceeds from the Professional Sports Development Trust Fund
 90 may also be used for operational expenses of Enterprise Florida,
 91 Inc., and financial support of the Sunshine State Games.

92 (84) ORLANDO CITY SOCCER CLUB LICENSE PLATES.—The
 93 department shall develop an Orlando City Soccer Club license
 94 plate as provided in subsection (9).

95 (85) JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FOOTBALL CLUB LICENSE PLATES.—The
 96 department shall develop a Jacksonville Armada Football Club
 97 license plate as provided in subsection (9).

98 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2016.