

By the Committee on Rules; and Senators Latvala, Grimsley, and Evers

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending
3 s. 320.08056, F.S.; authorizing the collection of
4 annual use fees for the Fallen Law Enforcement
5 Officers license plate and the Florida Sheriffs
6 Association license plate; amending s. 320.08058,
7 F.S.; revising provisions relating to the distribution
8 of annual use funds to the Astronauts Memorial
9 Foundation, Inc., for the Challenger/Columbia
10 specialty license plate; requiring the St. Johns River
11 Alliance, Inc., to record a certain number of sales
12 within a specified timeframe; requiring the Department
13 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to discontinue
14 the plate under certain circumstances; providing for
15 repeal on a specified date; creating a Fallen Law
16 Enforcement Officers license plate and a Florida
17 Sheriffs Association license plate; establishing an
18 annual use fee for the plates; providing for the
19 distribution of use fees received from the sale of
20 such plates; providing effective dates.

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

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24 Section 1. Paragraphs (eeee) and (ffff) are added to
25 subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to read:

26 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

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

29 (eeee) Fallen Law Enforcement Officers license plate, \$25.

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30 (ffff) Florida Sheriffs Association license plate, \$25.

31 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph
32 (b) of subsection (70) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes,
33 are amended, and subsections (83) and (84) are added to that
34 section, to read:

35 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

36 (2) CHALLENGER/COLUMBIA LICENSE PLATES.—

37 (b) The Challenger/Columbia license plate annual use fee
38 must be distributed to the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc.,
39 to support the operations of the Center for Space Education and
40 the Space Mirror Memorial located at the Kennedy Space Center
41 ~~Education Technology Institute~~. Funds received by the Astronauts
42 Memorial Foundation, Inc., may be used for administrative costs
43 directly associated with the operation of the center and the
44 memorial institute. These funds must be used for the maintenance
45 and support of the operations of the Center for Space Education
46 and the Space Mirror Memorial ~~Education Technology Institute~~
47 operated by the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc. These
48 operations must include programs and infrastructure that inform,
49 inspire, and educate the public on the benefits of human space
50 flight preservice and inservice training in the use of
51 ~~technology for the state's instructional personnel in a manner~~
52 ~~consistent with state training programs and approved by the~~
53 ~~Department of Education~~. Up to 20 percent of funds received by
54 the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc., Center for Space
55 ~~Education and the Education Technology Institute~~ may be expended
56 for administrative costs ~~directly associated with the operation~~
57 ~~of the center and the institute~~.

58 (70) ST. JOHNS RIVER LICENSE PLATES.—

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59 (b) The requirements of s. 320.08053 must be met prior to
60 the issuance of the plate. Thereafter, the license plate annual
61 use fees shall be distributed to the St. Johns River Alliance,
62 Inc., a s. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which shall
63 administer the fees as follows:

64 1. The St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., shall retain the
65 first \$60,000 of the annual use fees as direct reimbursement for
66 administrative costs, startup costs, and costs incurred in the
67 development and approval process. Thereafter, up to 10 percent
68 of the annual use fee revenue may be used for administrative
69 costs directly associated with education programs, conservation,
70 research, and grant administration of the organization, and up
71 to 10 percent may be used for promotion and marketing of the
72 specialty license plate.

73 2. At least 30 percent of the fees shall be available for
74 competitive grants for targeted community-based or county-based
75 research or projects for which state funding is limited or not
76 currently available. The remaining 50 percent shall be directed
77 toward community outreach and access programs. The competitive
78 grants shall be administered and approved by the board of
79 directors of the St. Johns River Alliance, Inc. A grant advisory
80 committee shall be composed of six members chosen by the St.
81 Johns River Alliance board members.

82 3. Any remaining funds shall be distributed with the
83 approval of and accountability to the board of directors of the
84 St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., and shall be used to support
85 activities contributing to education, outreach, and springs
86 conservation.

87 4. Effective July 1, 2014, the St. Johns River license

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88 plate will shift into the presale voucher phase, as provided in
89 s. 320.08053(3)(b). The St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., shall
90 have 24 months to record a minimum of 1,000 sales of the license
91 plates. Sales include existing active plates and vouchers sold
92 subsequent to July 1, 2014. During the voucher period, new
93 plates may not be issued, but existing plates may be renewed.
94 If, at the conclusion of the 24-month presale period, the
95 requirement of a minimum of 1,000 sales has been met, the
96 department shall resume normal distribution of the St. Johns
97 River specialty plate. If, after 24 months, the minimum of 1,000
98 sales has not been met, the department shall discontinue the
99 development and issuance of the plate. This subparagraph is
100 repealed June 30, 2016.

101 (83) FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS LICENSE PLATES.—

102 (a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of
103 Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida,
104 and s. 320.08053(1), the department shall develop a Fallen Law
105 Enforcement Officers license plate as provided in s.
106 320.08053(2) and (3) and this section. The plate must bear the
107 colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida"
108 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "A Hero
109 Remembered Never Dies" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

110 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Police
111 and Kids Foundation, Inc., which may use a maximum of 10 percent
112 of the proceeds to promote and market the plate. The remainder
113 of the proceeds shall be used by the Police and Kids Foundation,
114 Inc., to invest and reinvest, and the interest earnings shall be
115 used for the operation of the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc.

116 (84) FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.—

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117 (a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of
118 Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida,
119 and s. 320.08053(1), the department shall develop a Florida
120 Sheriffs Association license plate as provided in s.
121 320.08053(2) and (3) and this section. The plate must bear the
122 colors and design approved by the department. A sheriff's star
123 must appear on the left side of the plate, the word "Florida"
124 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Florida
125 Sheriffs Association" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

126 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida
127 Sheriffs Association, a s. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization,
128 which shall administer the fees as follows:

129 1. The Florida Sheriffs Association shall retain the first
130 \$60,000 of the annual use fees as direct reimbursement for
131 administrative costs, startup costs, and cost incurred in the
132 development and approval process. Thereafter, up to 10 percent
133 of the annual use fee revenue may be used for administrative and
134 marketing costs.

135 2. All remaining collected revenue must be used for
136 continuing education for sheriff's office members.

137 Section 3. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
138 act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2014.