

By the Committee on Transportation and Representative Ball

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Challenger license plates;  
3           amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising language  
4           with respect to the distribution of the  
5           Challenger license plate funds; providing for  
6           the use of such funds; providing for the  
7           expiration of authority for issuance of such  
8           license plates; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.;  
9           authorizing a reduction in the annual use fee  
10          for bulk purchasers of such license plates;  
11          providing an effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 320.08058,  
16 Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:  
17           320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

18           (2) CHALLENGER LICENSE PLATES.--

19           (a) The department shall develop a Challenger license  
20 plate to commemorate the seven astronauts who died when the  
21 space shuttle Challenger exploded on liftoff in 1986. The word  
22 "Florida" shall appear at the top of the plate, and the word  
23 "Challenger" must appear at the bottom of the plate, both  
24 words in small letters.

25           (b) ~~i.~~

26           ~~a.~~ Fifty percent of the Challenger license plate  
27 annual use fee must be distributed to the Astronauts Memorial  
28 Foundation, Inc., to support the operations of ~~deposited into~~  
29 the Center for Space Education and the Education Technology  
30 Institute. Funds received by the Astronauts Memorial  
31 Foundation, Inc., may be used for administrative costs

1 directly associated with the operation of the center and the  
2 institute.~~Trust Fund within the Department of Education.~~  
3 These funds must be used ~~solely~~ for the ~~design, construction,~~  
4 ~~maintenance,~~and support of the operations of the Center for  
5 Space Education and the Education Technology Institute  
6 operated by the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc. These  
7 operations must include preservice and inservice training in  
8 the use of technology for the state's instructional personnel  
9 in a manner consistent with state training programs and  
10 approved by the Department of Education. Up to 20 percent of  
11 funds received by the Center for Space Education and the  
12 Education Technology Institute ~~from the Center for Space~~  
13 ~~Education Trust Fund~~ may be expended for administrative costs  
14 directly associated with the operation of the center and the  
15 institute.

16 ~~b. Upon approval of the Department of Education, funds~~  
17 ~~must be transferred from the Center for Space Education Trust~~  
18 ~~Fund to the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc., solely to~~  
19 ~~design, construct, maintain, and support the operations of the~~  
20 ~~Center for Space Education and the Education Technology~~  
21 ~~Institute. A request for the transfer of funds must include~~  
22 ~~information relating to specific plans for disbursing the~~  
23 ~~funds. Before expending funds from their account, the~~  
24 ~~Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc., must request approval~~  
25 ~~from the Department of Education, as if the funds were in the~~  
26 ~~Department of Education's trust fund.~~

27 ~~2. Subparagraph 1. is repealed July 1, 1997. After~~  
28 ~~the date of repeal, the funds distributed pursuant to~~  
29 ~~subparagraph 1. shall be distributed to the Challenger~~  
30 ~~Astronauts Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship Trust Fund~~  
31 ~~created in s. 240.408.~~

1           ~~3. Twenty-five percent of the Challenger license plate~~  
2 ~~annual use fee must be distributed to the Challenger~~  
3 ~~Astronauts Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship Trust Fund, for~~  
4 ~~use as provided by s. 240.408.~~

5           (c) Fifty ~~4.~~ The remaining 25 percent must be  
6 distributed to the Technological Research and Development  
7 Authority created by s. 2, chapter 87-455, Laws of Florida,  
8 for the purpose of funding space-related ~~space~~ research  
9 grants, the Teacher/Quest Scholarship Program under s.  
10 240.4082 as approved by the Florida Department of Education,  
11 and space-related economic development programs. The  
12 Technological Research and Development Authority shall  
13 coordinate and distribute available resources among state  
14 universities and independent colleges and universities based  
15 on the research strengths of such institutions in space  
16 science technology, community colleges, public school  
17 districts, and not-for-profit educational organizations.

18           (d) Up to 10 percent of the funds distributed under  
19 paragraphs (b) and (c) may be used for continuing promotion  
20 and marketing of the license plate.

21           ~~(e)5.~~ The Auditor General has the authority to examine  
22 any and all records pertaining to the Astronauts Memorial  
23 Foundation, Inc., and the Technological Research and  
24 Development Authority to determine compliance with the law.

25           (f) This subsection expires July 1, 2001.

26           Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
27 320.08056, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to  
28 read:

29           320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

1           (b) Challenger license plate, \$15, except that a  
2 person that purchases 1,000 or more Challenger license plates  
3 shall pay an annual use fee of \$10 per plate.

4           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.  
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