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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to manatee license plates;
amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; increasing the
annual use fee; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.;
revising the permitted use of such fees;
amending s. 215.22, F.S.; exempting the Save
the Manatee Trust Fund from certain required
contributions to the General Revenue Fund;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
320.08056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

(a) Manatee license plate, \$20~~\$15~~.

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

(1) MANATEE LICENSE PLATES.--

(b)1. The manatee license plate annual use fee must be
deposited into the Save the Manatee Trust Fund, created within
the Department of Environmental Protection. The funds
deposited in the Save the Manatee Trust Fund may be used only
for environmental education; manatee research; facilities, as
provided in s. 370.12(5)(b); and manatee protection and
recovery.

2. Twenty-five ~~For fiscal year 1996-1997, 25 percent~~
of the manatee license plate annual use fee ~~must be~~ deposited

1 into the Save the Manatee Trust Fund within the Department of
2 Environmental Protection may ~~and shall~~ be used for
3 environmental education directly related to manatees. The
4 remaining funds must be used for manatee research, protection,
5 and recovery ~~manatee facilities as provided in s.~~
6 ~~370.12(5)(b).~~

7 Section 3. Paragraph (t) is added to subsection (1) of
8 section 215.22, Florida Statutes, to read:

9 215.22 Certain income and certain trust funds
10 exempt.--

11 (1) The following income of a revenue nature or the
12 following trust funds shall be exempt from the deduction
13 required by s. 215.20(1):

14 (t) The Save the Manatee Trust Fund.

15 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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18 SENATE SUMMARY

19 Increases the annual use fee from \$15 to \$20 for manatee
20 license plates. Allows a specified amount of fees to be
21 used for environmental education and requires the
22 remaining fees to be used for manatee research,
23 protection, and recovery. Exempts the Save the Manatee
24 Trust Fund from required contributions to the General
25 Revenue Fund.
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