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HB 4041

By Representatives Minton, Horan, Dawson-White, Betancourt, Heyman, Stafford, Effman, Ritter, Greene, Merchant and Sembler

A bill to be entitled 1 An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 2 3 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating a 4 Protect Wild Dolphins license plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees 5 6 received from the sale of such plates; 7 providing an effective date. 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 Section 1. Paragraph (t) is added to subsection (4) of 11 12 section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to read: 13 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--(4) The following license plate annual use fees shall 14 15 be collected for the appropriate specialty license plates: (t) Protect Wild Dolphins license plate, \$20. 16 17 Section 2. Subsection (20) is added to section 18 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read: 19 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--20 (20) PROTECT WILD DOLPHINS LICENSE PLATES.--The department shall develop a Protect Wild 21 (a) Dolphins license plate as provided in this section. The word 22 'Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words 23 24 "Protect Wild Dolphins" may appear at the bottom of the plate. The annual use fees shall be distributed to the 25 (b) 2.6 Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc., to fund wild dolphins related research. The Harbor Branch Oceanographic 27 28 Institution, Inc., shall distribute available resources for 29 research of the wild Florida bottlenose dolphin. Up to 15 percent of the funds received by Harbor Branch Oceanographic 30 31 Institution, Inc., may be expended for administrative costs

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1 directly associated with the operations of the institution. Up to 10 percent of the funds distributed may be used by Harbor 2 Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc., for continuing 3 promotion and marketing of the license plate. The remainder of 4 the funds must be used to collect, analyze, and archive 5 6 scientific data regarding the wild dolphin population in 7 Florida waters; provide care and assistance to stranded wild 8 dolphins; distribute information to the scientific community, 9 federal, state, and local government agencies, educational institutions, and the public for the purpose of protecting and 10 preserving wild dolphins; individually identify wild dolphins 11 12 through a photographic identification program; and advance the 13 research technology associated with tracking and categorizing 14 wild dolphins. 15 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1 of the 16 year in which enacted. 17 18 19 HOUSE SUMMARY 20 Creates a Protect Wild Dolphins license plate and provides for distribution of annual use fees. See bill for details. 21 22 23 24 25 2.6 27 28 29 30 31

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