

Bill No. SB 1630

Amendment No. 1 Barcode 143194

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The Committee on Transportation recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

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

320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

(ff) Florida Golf license plate, \$25.

Section 2. Subsection (32) is added to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

(32) FLORIDA GOLF LICENSE PLATES.--

(a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall develop a Florida Golf license plate as provided in this subsection. The word "Florida" must appear at the bottom of the plate. The Dade Amateur Golf Association,

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1 following consultation with the PGA TOUR, the Florida Sports
2 Foundation, the LPGA, and the PGA of America may submit a
3 sample plate for consideration by the department.

4 (b) The department shall distribute the Florida Golf
5 license plate annual use fees to the Florida Sports
6 Foundation, a direct-support organization of the Office of
7 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. The license plate
8 annual use fees shall be annually allocated as follows:

9 1. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds from the annual use
10 fees may be used by the Florida Sports Foundation for the
11 administration of the Florida Youth Golf Program.

12 2. The Dade Amateur Golf Association shall receive the
13 first \$80,000 in proceeds from the annual use fees for the
14 operation of youth golf programs in Miami-Dade County.
15 Thereafter, 15 percent of the proceeds from the annual use
16 fees shall be provided to the Dade Amateur Golf Association
17 for the operation of youth golf programs in Miami-Dade County.

18 3. The remaining proceeds from the annual use fees
19 shall be available for grants to nonprofit organizations to
20 operate youth golf programs and for the purpose of marketing
21 the Florida Golf license plates. All grant recipients,
22 including the Dade Amateur Golf Association, shall provide to
23 the Florida Sports Foundation an annual program and financial
24 report regarding the use of grant funds. Such reports shall be
25 made available to the public.

26 (c) The Florida Sports Foundation shall establish a
27 Florida Youth Golf Program. The Florida Youth Golf Program
28 shall assist organizations for the benefit of youth; introduce
29 young people to golf; instruct young people in golf; teach the
30 values of golf; and emphasize life skills, fair play,
31 courtesy, and self-discipline.

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1 (d) The Florida Sports Foundation shall establish a
 2 five-member committee to offer advice regarding the
 3 distribution of the annual use fees for grants to nonprofit
 4 organizations. The advisory committee shall consist of one
 5 member from a group serving youth, one member a group serving
 6 disabled youth, and three members at large.

7 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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11 And the title is amended as follows:

12 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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14 and insert:

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 A bill to be entitled

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 An act relating to specialty license plates;

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 amending ss. 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.;

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 creating a Florida Golf license plate;

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 providing for the distribution of annual use

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 fees received from the sale of the plates;

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 requiring the Florida Sports Foundation to

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 establish a youth golf program; providing for

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 an advisory committee; providing an effective

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 date.

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26 WHEREAS, it is the mission of Tee Off For Opportunity,

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a project of the Dade Amateur Golf Association, to provide

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access to the sport of golf to Florida youth regardless of

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gender, socioeconomic status, or race by providing grants to

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sustain and enhance existing amateur and junior golf

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associations across the state, and to promote the State of

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1 Florida as a golf destination, and

2 WHEREAS, the majority of the parents and guardians of
3 middle and lower income youth in Florida lack the opportunity
4 and financial resources to provide access to equipment, golf
5 courses, and training; therefore, the majority of the state's
6 children are denied the opportunity to learn and to play the
7 game, and

8 WHEREAS, amateur golf associations are currently
9 operating at public golf courses in communities across the
10 state, and it is through involvement in these programs that
11 most young people become introduced to golf, and

12 WHEREAS, for youngsters whose families don't have the
13 resources to provide private lessons or memberships in private
14 clubs, these local programs afford the only opportunity for
15 such young people to learn the game and enjoy a few hours on
16 the golf course, and, due to a lack of funds, the exceptional
17 people who donate their time and money to the programs are
18 currently able to accommodate only a limited number of youth,
19 and

20 WHEREAS, a 1997 visitor profile report by Visit Florida
21 found the state attracted 1,482,041 visitors for the sole
22 purpose of playing golf, with tourists and residents alike
23 enjoying 1,153 different golf courses year round, resulting in
24 Florida's having proclaimed itself "The Number One Golf
25 Vacation Destination," and

26 WHEREAS, both amateur and professional golfers are
27 highly visible in the state, annually playing more than 55
28 million rounds of golf and generating billions of public and
29 private dollars, to make golf a \$6 billion-a-year industry in
30 the state, and

31 WHEREAS, decisionmaking in professional golf is made in

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1 Florida, as the PGA is headquartered in West Palm Beach, the
2 LPGA is headquartered in Daytona Beach, and the PGA Tour is
3 headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, and

4 WHEREAS, the following participants in DAGA's junior
5 golf programs and tournaments have graduated from the listed
6 universities and colleges and have played on the listed tours:
7 Terry Williams Munz, the first recipient of an athletic
8 scholarship for women at the University of Miami; Pam Elders,
9 member of the LPGA, University of Miami; Sherrie Keblish,
10 University of Miami, Florida PGA Junior Champion; Julie,
11 Sheri, and Whit Waldo, University of Florida; Tom Gibson, PGA,
12 golf course owner; Bruce Fitzpatrick, golf coach; Bob Kravitz,
13 University of Florida; Bill May, University of Houston, PGA;
14 Donna Cusano, University of Miami, LPGA; Jim Brothers, PGA;
15 Brian Rothaus, Florida State High School Champion; Warren
16 Jurkowitz, Mini Tour; Tim Balmer, Mini Tour and Bermuda Open
17 Winner; Jay Cooper, Mini Tour and Jamaican Open Winner; Art
18 Grenfeder, Vice President of Merrill Lynch; Gene Gizzarelli,
19 University of Miami; Danny Mays, PGA, golf course operator,
20 resort manager, C.E.O. of golf course operating company; Jason
21 Malcy-Franklin, Marshall, University of Miami, psychologist;
22 Patti Rizzo, University of Miami, LPGA, Japan LPGA; Dudley
23 Hart, University of Florida, PGA Tour; Robert Floyd,
24 University of Florida, PGA Tour; Raymond Floyd, Jr., Wake
25 Forest University; Briny Baird, PGA; Hiroshi Matsuo, Mini
26 Tour; Tricia Hew, University of Florida, F.I.U.; Mehling
27 Gilbert, University of Miami; Jacques Gilbert, F.I.U.; Tracy
28 Kerdyk, ranked first as junior/PGA, Junior Champion, USGA
29 Women's Public Links Champion, University of Miami varsity
30 golf, won 11 tournaments and set NCAA record, spent 10 years
31 on LPGA Tour, Futures Tour Coordinator and liaison to LPGA

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1 Tour; Kathy Hart, University of Florida, LPGA; Cristie Kerr,
2 nationally ranked as a junior, currently on LPGA Tour, 2nd in
3 2,000 USGA Women's Open; Travis Stewart, L.S.U.; Carlos
4 Rodiles, F.I.U., University of Florida; Tim Briand, University
5 of North Carolina, F.I.U.; Gwen Gravina, University of North
6 Carolina; Cody Courbier, Georgetown University; Steve Scott,
7 University of Florida, runner-up to Tiger Woods in USGA
8 Amateur Championship; Scott Schultz, University of Florida;
9 Denny Tymosko, F.S.U., PGA; Caroline Culler, University of
10 Miami, won 3 tournaments in freshman year; Eric Compton, a
11 12-year-old heart transplant recipient, nationally ranked as a
12 junior, University of Georgia; Greg Maya, Johnson & Wales
13 University; David Billskoog, Barry University, and

14 WHEREAS, the following golfers played in the Doral
15 Publix Junior Classic and are currently playing on the
16 following professional golf tours: Senior PGA Tour - Bruce
17 Fleisher; PGA Tour - Chris Couch, Tom Tolles, Michael
18 Bradley, and Sergio Garcia; European Tour - Peter Hedblom and
19 Peter Cherry; Buy.com Tour and Mini-Tours - Michael Sposa,
20 Gilbert Morales, Michael Malizia, Borja LaRoche, Carlos
21 Benedetti, Lewis Chitengwa, Ryuji Imada, Hank Kuene, Edward
22 Loar, Nick Cassini; LPGA Tour - Tracy Kerdyk, Michelle McGann,
23 Leigh Ann Mills, Cristie Kerr, Erika Hayashida, Kelly Booth,
24 Grace Park, Kelly Kuene, Kathy Hart; Amateur and Current NCAA
25 - Beth Bluer, Duke University, Lisa Nedoba, University of
26 Florida, Marisa Baena, Maria Garcia Estrada, Candie Kung, and
27 Mary Dunne, University of Miami, Virada Nirapathpongporn, Tai
28 Perry, Celeste Troche, Ryan Hybl, Nicholas Loar, Kevin
29 Mihailof, Robert Hooper, Sean O'Hair, and Jim Kiely, PGA
30 Member and PGA Tour Player, and

31 WHEREAS, funds from the sale of this plate will enable

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1 Tee Off For Opportunity to provide local amateur golf
2 associations with funding, programming guidelines,
3 professional support, and oversight for their projects, and
4 the organization will make grants based upon strict
5 guidelines, with renewal of these grants based upon data
6 regarding outcomes reported by the grantees, and

7 WHEREAS, golf is a nonaggressive, noncontact sport that
8 teaches young people self-discipline, initiative, honesty, and
9 etiquette, fosters physical fitness and character development,
10 and develops the ability to surmount obstacles through
11 sustained effort and self-discipline, NOW, THEREFORE,

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