

By Representative Kosmas

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to wildflowers; creating the
 3 Wildflower Council within the Florida
 4 Wildflower Foundation, Inc.; providing for
 5 membership and functions of the council;
 6 amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising
 7 provisions for distribution and use of
 8 wildflower license plate annual use fees;
 9 amending s. 403.4131, F.S.; deleting provision
 10 for the Wildflower Advisory Council within Keep
 11 Florida Beautiful, Inc.; transferring certain
 12 funds; providing an effective date.

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

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 16 Section 1. Wildflower Council; creation; functions.--
 17 (1) There is created within the Florida Wildflower
 18 Foundation, Inc., the Wildflower Council, consisting of a
 19 maximum of 11 members, to direct and oversee the expenditure
 20 of the Wildflower Account established pursuant to section
 21 320.08058(28), Florida Statutes. The Wildflower Council shall
 22 include a representative from the University of Florida
 23 Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the Department of
 24 Transportation, the Department of Environmental Protection,
 25 the Florida League of Cities, and the Florida Association of
 26 Counties. Other members of the council may include
 27 representatives from the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs,
 28 Inc., the Think Beauty Foundation, the Florida chapter of the
 29 American Society of Landscape Architects, Inc., the Master
 30 Gardener's Program, and two members of the Florida Wildflower
 31 Foundation, Inc.

1 (2) The Wildflower Council shall develop procedures of
2 operation, research contracts, educational programs, and
3 wildflower planting grants for Florida native wildflowers,
4 plants, and grasses. The council shall also make the final
5 determination as to what constitutes acceptable species of
6 wildflowers and other plantings supported by these programs.

7 Section 2. Subsection (28) of section 320.08058,
8 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

10 (28) FLORIDA WILDFLOWER LICENSE PLATES.--

11 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Wildflower
12 license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"
13 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "State
14 Wildflower" and "coreopsis" must appear at the bottom of the
15 plate.

16 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the
17 Wildflower Account established by the Florida Wildflower
18 Foundation, Inc.~~Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc., created by s.~~
19 ~~403.4131.~~The proceeds must be used to establish native
20 Florida wildflower research programs, wildflower educational
21 programs, and wildflower grant programs to municipal, county,
22 and community-based groups in this state. ~~A maximum of 10~~
23 ~~percent of the proceeds from the sale of such plates may be~~
24 ~~used for administrative costs.~~

25 Section 3. Subsection (10) of section 403.4131,
26 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

27 403.4131 "Keep Florida Beautiful, Incorporated";
28 placement of signs.--

29 ~~(10)(a) There is created within Keep Florida~~
30 ~~Beautiful, Inc., the Wildflower Advisory Council, consisting~~
31 ~~of a maximum of nine members to direct and oversee the~~

1 ~~expenditure of the Wildflower Account. The Wildflower Advisory~~
2 ~~Council shall include a representative from the University of~~
3 ~~Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the~~
4 ~~Florida Department of Transportation, and the Florida~~
5 ~~Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida League of~~
6 ~~Cities, and the Florida Association of Counties. Other members~~
7 ~~of the committee may include representatives from the Florida~~
8 ~~Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., Think Beauty Foundation, the~~
9 ~~Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape~~
10 ~~Architects, Inc., and a representative of the Master~~
11 ~~Gardener's Program.~~

12 ~~(b) The Wildflower Advisory Council shall develop~~
13 ~~procedures of operation, research contracts, educational~~
14 ~~programs, and wildflower planting grants for Florida native~~
15 ~~wildflowers, plants, and grasses. The council shall also make~~
16 ~~the final determination of what constitutes acceptable species~~
17 ~~of wildflowers and other plantings supported by these~~
18 ~~programs.~~

19 Section 4. Any unencumbered balance of funds deposited
20 pursuant to section 320.08058(28), Florida Statutes, into the
21 Wildflower Account of the Wildflower Advisory Council, Keep
22 Florida Beautiful, Inc., shall be transferred to the
23 Wildflower Account of the Wildflower Council within the
24 Florida Wildflower Foundation, Inc.

25 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
26 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Creates the Wildflower Council within the Florida Wildflower Foundation, Inc. Provides for the Wildflower Account to be established by that council and provides for the distribution of wildflower license plate annual use fees to that account to be used for various wildflower programs.

Deletes provision for the Wildflower Advisory Council within Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc., and transfers certain funds in the Wildflower Account of the Wildflower Advisory Council, Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc., to the Wildflower Account of the Wildflower Council within the Florida Wildflower Foundation, Inc.