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 \mathbf{By} the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Transportation; and Senator Pruitt

314-2054-02 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 3 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Protect Florida Whales specialty license plate; 4 5 providing an annual use fee; providing for the б distribution of the use fees received; revising the date after which a newly created collegiate 7 8 license plate is subject to the requirements of 9 s. 320.08053, F.S.; providing an effective 10 date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. Paragraph (hh) is added to subsection (4) 15 of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 16 2001-355, Laws of Florida, to read: 17 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--18 (4) The following license plate annual use fees shall 19 be collected for the appropriate specialty license plates: 20 (hh) Protect Florida Whales license plate, \$25. Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 320.08058, 21 Florida Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 2001-355, 22 23 Laws of Florida, is amended, and subsection (34) is added to that section, to read: 24 25 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--(3) COLLEGIATE LICENSE PLATES.--26 27 The department shall develop a collegiate license (a) 28 plate as provided in this section for state and independent 29 universities domiciled in this state. However, any collegiate license plate created or established after October 1, 2002 30 January 1, 1997, must comply with the requirements of s. 31 1

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1 The remainder of the funds shall be used to collect, analyze, and archive scientific data regarding whale populations that 2 3 inhabit, utilize, or migrate in state waters; provide care and 4 assistance to stranded whales; construct and maintain a 5 Harbor-Branch-based teaching marine mammal hospital; train 6 veterinary students in the rescue, medical and rehabilitation 7 treatment, and release and postrelease monitoring of stranded whales; distribute information for the purpose of protecting 8 and preserving whales; identify whale populations; conduct 9 10 scientific research through genetic, telemetry, bioacoustical, and photographic identification research programs; advance the 11 research technology associated with tracking, monitoring, and 12 categorizing whales; develop methods of monitoring whale 13 14 movements; and provide for methods of early-warning detection 15 systems and advance notification that will help prevent accidental boat strikes in state waters. 16 17 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002. 18 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR CS/SB 1136 19 20 21 The Committee Substitute changes from January 1, 1997 to October 1, 2002, the date by which any collegiate license plate created or established after, must comply with the requirements of s. 320.08053. 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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