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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to license plates; amending ss.  
320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Hospice  
license plate; providing for the distribution  
of annual use fees received from the sale of  
such plates; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, Florida hospices have served this state for  
more than 20 years in helping to meet the medical, physical,  
emotional, and spiritual needs of terminally ill adults and  
children and their families, and

WHEREAS, skilled hospice staff and volunteers provide  
special hands and hearts of caring, and

WHEREAS, the hospice concept of care exists by and  
through local communities, and

WHEREAS, this state benefits greatly from the increased  
care, outreach, and education provided by hospice caregivers,  
and seeks to reward the contributions to the state made by  
current and future hospice patients, their loved ones, and  
their hospice caregivers, and

WHEREAS, Florida Hospices and Palliative Care, Inc.,  
was founded 20 years ago to establish and ensure a statewide  
mechanism for bringing together and disseminating hospice and  
related care information, research, education, outreach,  
referrals, and funding for the benefit of our citizens and  
communities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

1           320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

4           (mm) Hospice license plate, \$25.

5           Section 2. Subsection (39) is added to section  
6 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

7           320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

8           (39) HOSPICE LICENSE PLATES.--

9           (a) The department shall develop a Hospice license  
10 plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must  
11 appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Hospice: Every  
12 Day Is A Gift" must appear at the bottom of the plate. A  
13 figure of a butterfly in the colors of orange, light purple,  
14 and black shall appear on the left side of the plate and the  
15 background of the plate shall be in shades of orange and  
16 white.

17           (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to  
18 Florida Hospices and Palliative Care, Inc., to be used as  
19 follows:

20           1. To fund projects relating to hospice care for  
21 special groups, such as children, veterans, and ethnic,  
22 religious, gender, or minority groups, or to provide  
23 disease-specific research or outreach.

24           2. To fund education and outreach for hospice  
25 volunteers, patients, families, and health care professionals.

26           3. To fund informational and educational media  
27 programs regarding the availability of hospice services.

28           4. To fund the expansion or enhancement of the Florida  
29 Hospices and Palliative Care, Inc., toll-free referral line  
30 operated to provide hospice information.

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