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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056
 and 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:



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31 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

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

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

37 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

38 (39) HOSPICE LICENSE PLATES.--

39 (a) The department shall develop a Hospice license plate
40 as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must appear at
41 the top of the plate, and the words "Hospice: Every Day Is A
42 Gift" must appear at the bottom of the plate. A figure of a
43 butterfly in the colors of orange, light purple, and black shall
44 appear on the left side of the plate and the background of the
45 plate shall be in shades of orange and white.

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

48 1. To fund projects relating to hospice care for special
49 groups, such as children, veterans, and ethnic, religious,
50 gender, or minority groups, or to provide disease-specific
51 research or outreach.

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

54 3. To fund informational and educational media programs
55 regarding the availability of hospice services.

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

59 5. To fund the expansion or enhancement of the Florida
60 Hospices and Palliative Care, Inc., Internet website.



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61 (c) The first \$90,000 in annual use fees shall be
62 distributed to Florida Hospices and Palliative Care, Inc., to be
63 used to recover all startup costs for developing and issuing the
64 plates. Thereafter, the proceeds shall be distributed to Florida
65 Hospices and Palliative Care, Inc., which shall distribute the
66 fees through a standing committee that reviews funding
67 solicitations and awards.

68 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.