



CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Finance & Tax recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

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



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

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

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

40 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

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

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

46 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

47 (39) HOSPICE LICENSE PLATES.--

48 (a) The department shall develop a Hospice license plate
49 as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must appear at
50 the top of the plate, and the words "Hospice: Every Day Is A
51 Gift" must appear at the bottom of the plate. A figure of a
52 butterfly in the colors of orange, light purple, and black shall
53 appear on the left side of the plate and the background of the
54 plate shall be in shades of orange and white.

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



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57 | 1. To fund projects relating to hospice care for special
58 | groups, such as children, veterans, and ethnic, religious,
59 | gender, or minority groups, or to provide disease-specific
60 | research or outreach.

61 | 2. To fund education and outreach for hospice volunteers,
62 | patients, families, and health care professionals.

63 | 3. To fund informational and educational media programs
64 | regarding the availability of hospice services.

65 | 4. To fund the expansion or enhancement of the Florida
66 | Hospices and Palliative Care, Inc., toll-free referral line
67 | operated to provide hospice information.

68 | 5. To fund the expansion or enhancement of the Florida
69 | Hospices and Palliative Care, Inc., Internet website.

70 | (c) The sum of \$90,000 in annual use fees shall be
71 | distributed to Florida Hospices and Palliative Care, Inc., to be
72 | used to recover all startup costs for developing and issuing the
73 | plates. Thereafter, the proceeds shall be distributed to Florida
74 | Hospices and Palliative Care, Inc., which shall distribute the
75 | fees through a standing committee that reviews funding
76 | solicitations and awards.

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