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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 specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; providing an annual use fee for the Protect Our Reefs license plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of Florida Arts license plates; creating the Protect Our Reefs license plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing for audit by the Auditor General; providing an effective date.

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:

320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

(mm) Protect Our Reefs license plate, \$25.



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29 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (12) of section
30 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (39) is
31 added to said section, to read:

32 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

33 (12) FLORIDA ARTS LICENSE PLATES.--

34 (b) The license plate annual use fees are to be annually
35 distributed pursuant to this paragraph. All fees collected must
36 be forwarded quarterly to the single arts council officially
37 designated by the county in direct proportion to the amounts of
38 fees collected in each county. If there is no county arts
39 council, then fees collected must be forwarded to such other
40 agency in the county as the highest ranking county
41 administrative official designates, to be applied by the arts
42 council or agency to support arts organizations, arts programs,
43 and arts activities within the county. as follows:

44 ~~1. All fees collected must be forwarded quarterly to the~~
45 ~~Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department of State,~~
46 ~~together with a report setting forth the amount of such fees~~
47 ~~collected in each county, and must be deposited into the Florida~~
48 ~~Fine Arts Trust Fund.~~

49 ~~2. The Division of Cultural Affairs shall distribute the~~
50 ~~fees forwarded to it by the department to the counties in the~~
51 ~~amounts set forth in the report required under subparagraph 1.,~~
52 ~~in each case to the county arts council for such county or, if~~
53 ~~there is none, to such other agency in the county as the~~
54 ~~division designates, to be applied by the council or agency to~~
55 ~~support art organizations, programs, and activities within the~~
56 ~~county.~~



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57 (39) PROTECT OUR REEFS LICENSE PLATES.--

58 (a) The department shall develop a Protect Our Reefs
 59 license plate as provided in this section. Protect Our Reefs
 60 license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the
 61 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
 62 plate, and the words "Protect Our Reefs" must appear at the
 63 bottom of the plate.

64 (b) The proceeds of the annual use fee shall be
 65 distributed to Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc., to fund Florida
 66 reef research, conservation, and education programs. Up to 15
 67 percent of the funds received by Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc.,
 68 may be expended for annual administrative costs directly
 69 associated with the administration of the Protect Our Reefs
 70 program. Up to 10 percent of the funds received by Mote Marine
 71 Laboratory, Inc., may be used by Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc.,
 72 for the continuing promotion and marketing of the license plate.
 73 After reimbursement for documented costs expended in the
 74 establishment of the plate, Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc., shall
 75 use and distribute the remaining funds to eligible Florida-based
 76 scientific, conservation, and education organizations for the
 77 collection, analysis, and distribution of scientific,
 78 educational, and conservation information to the research
 79 community; federal, state, and local government agencies;
 80 educational institutions; and the public. Eligible organizations
 81 shall be based in Florida and engaged in reef research,
 82 conservation, or education.

83 (c) The state Auditor General may examine any records of
 84 Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc., and any other organization that



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85 | receives funds from the sale of the Protect Our Reefs license
86 | plate, to determine compliance with law.

87 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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