

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to specialty license plates;
3 creating s. 320.0891, F.S.; creating the U.S.
4 Paratroopers license plate; restricting
5 eligibility to purchase such plates; amending
6 s. 320.08056, F.S.; creating the Protect Our
7 Reefs license plate; amending s. 320.08058,
8 F.S.; requiring that the license plate use fee
9 from the Florida Arts license plate be
10 transferred directly to the county arts
11 council; providing for the distribution of the
12 annual use fee from the Protect Our Reef
13 license plate received from the sale of such
14 plates; providing for audit by the Auditor
15 General; amending ss. 320.08056, 320.08058,
16 F.S.; creating a Fish Florida license plate;
17 providing for the distribution of annual use
18 fees received from the sale of such plates;
19 providing effective dates.

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

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23 Section 1. Section 320.0891, Florida Statutes, is
24 created to read:

25 320.0891 U.S. Paratroopers license plate.--

26 (1) The department shall develop a U.S. Paratroopers
27 license plate as provided in this section. The U.S.
28 Paratroopers license plate must bear the colors and design
29 approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at
30 the top of the plate, and the words "U.S. Paratroopers" must
31 appear at the bottom of the plate. The Airborne Wings and

1 Glider Wings logo must appear in black on the left side of the
2 plate, centered from top to bottom. The plate must have a
3 white background with red and blue letters or numbers.

4 (2) U.S. Paratroopers license plates may only be
5 purchased by current or former United States military
6 personnel who, as part of their military duty, have been
7 trained to jump from flying aircraft.

8 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
9 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or
10 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
11 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a
12 resident of this state and who meets the qualifications
13 contained in subsection (2) shall, upon application therefor
14 to the department, with the payment of the taxes and fees
15 described in subsection (5), be issued a U.S. Paratroopers
16 license plate. Each application must be accompanied by proof
17 that the applicant has been decorated as a parachutist or has
18 completed the U.S. Army Jump School.

19 (4) The department is responsible for developing the
20 license plate authorized in this section. The department shall
21 begin production and distribution within one year.

22 (5) Each request must be made annually to the
23 department, accompanied by the following tax and fees:

24 (a) The license tax required for the vehicle as set
25 forth in s. 320.08.

26 (b) A processing fee of \$2.

27 (c) A license plate fee as required under s.
28 320.06(1)(b).

29 (d) A license plate annual use fee of \$20.

30 (6) The department shall retain all annual use fee
31 revenues from the sale of the U.S. Paratroopers license plates

1 until all startup costs for developing and issuing the plates
2 are recovered, not to exceed \$60,000. Thereafter, the annual
3 use fee revenues shall be distributed to the State Homes for
4 Veterans Trust Fund.

5 Section 2. Effective July 1, 2003, paragraph (mm) is
6 added to subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida
7 Statutes, to read:

8 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

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

12 Section 3. Effective July 1, 2003, paragraph (b) of
13 subsection (12) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is
14 amended and subsection (39) is added to that section, to read:

15 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

16 (12) FLORIDA ARTS LICENSE PLATES.--

17 (b) The license plate annual use fees are to be
18 annually distributed as follows:

19 1. All fees collected must be forwarded quarterly to
20 the single arts council officially designated by the county in
21 direct proportion to the amounts of fees collected in each
22 county. If there is no county arts council, fees collected
23 must be forwarded to such other agency in the county as the
24 highest ranking county administrative official designates, to
25 be applied by the arts council or agency to support arts
26 organizations, arts programs, and arts activities within the
27 county ~~Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department of~~
28 ~~State, together with a report setting forth the amount of such~~
29 ~~fees collected in each county, and must be deposited into the~~
30 ~~Florida Fine Arts Trust Fund.~~

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1 ~~2. The Division of Cultural Affairs shall distribute~~
2 ~~the fees forwarded to it by the department to the counties in~~
3 ~~the amounts set forth in the report required under~~
4 ~~subparagraph 1., in each case to the county arts council for~~
5 ~~such county or, if there is none, to such other agency in the~~
6 ~~county as the division designates, to be applied by the~~
7 ~~council or agency to support art organizations, programs, and~~
8 ~~activities within the county.~~

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

10 (a) The department shall develop a Protect Our Reefs
11 license plate as provided in this section. Protect Our Reefs
12 license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the
13 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
14 plate, and the words "Protect Our Reefs" must appear at the
15 bottom of the plate.

16 (b) The proceeds of the annual use fee shall be
17 distributed to Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc., to fund Florida
18 reef research, conservation, and education programs. Up to 15
19 percent of the funds received by Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc.,
20 may be expended for annual administrative costs directly
21 associated with the administration of the Protect Our Reefs
22 program. Up to 10 percent of the funds received by Mote Marine
23 Laboratory, Inc., may be used by Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc.,
24 for the continuing promotion and marketing of the license
25 plate. After reimbursement for documented costs expended in
26 the establishment of the plate, Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc.,
27 shall use and distribute the remaining funds to eligible
28 Florida-based scientific, conservation, and education
29 organizations for the collection, analysis, and distribution
30 of scientific, educational, and conservation information to
31 the research community; federal, state, and local government

1 agencies; educational institutions; and the public. Eligible
2 organizations shall be based in Florida and engaged in reef
3 research, conservation, or education.

4 (c) The state Auditor General may examine any records
5 of Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc., and any other organization
6 that receives funds from the sale of the Protect Our Reefs
7 license plate, to determine compliance with law.

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

10 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

13 (mm) Fish Florida license plate, \$22.

14 Section 5. Subsection (39) is added to section
15 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

16 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

17 (39) "FISH FLORIDA" LICENSE PLATES.--

18 (a) The department shall develop a Fish Florida
19 license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"
20 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Fish
21 Florida!" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

22 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the
23 Florida Foundation for Responsible Angling, Inc., to fund
24 aquatic education; marine resource stewardship, and ethical
25 angling practices in this state. A maximum of 15 percent of
26 the funds received by the foundation may be used for
27 administrative costs directly associated with the foundation's
28 grant distribution program and license plate funding. A
29 maximum of 10 percent of the funds may be used for continuing
30 promotion and marketing of the license plate. The foundation
31 shall provide for a peer review grant solicitation and award

1 process to distribute the remainder of the funds to benefit
2 aquatic education, marine resource stewardship, and ethical
3 angling practices in this state.

4 Section 6. Except as otherwise specifically provided
5 in this act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

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