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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to specialty license plates; creating s.
 3 320.08068, F.S.; creating a specialty license plate for
 4 motorcycles; providing for the distribution of annual use
 5 fees received from the sale of such plates; providing a
 6 contingent effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Section 320.08068, Florida Statutes, is created
 11 to read:

12 320.08068 Motorcycle specialty license plates.--

13 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 320.08053, the
 14 department shall develop a reduced-dimensions specialty license
 15 plate for display on motorcycles.

16 (2) The department shall issue a specialty license plate
 17 to the owner or lessee of any motorcycle upon request and
 18 payment of the appropriate license taxes and fees.

19 (3) Each request must be made annually to the department,
 20 accompanied by the following taxes and fees:

21 (a) The license tax required under s. 320.08.

22 (b) A license plate fee as required by s. 320.06(1)(b).

23 (c) A processing fee of \$2.

24 (d) A license plate annual use fee as required in
 25 subsection (4).

26 (4) A license plate annual use fee of \$15 shall be
 27 collected for each motorcycle specialty license plate. Annual
 28 use fees shall be distributed to The Able Trust as custodial
 29 agent. The Able Trust may use up to a maximum of 10 percent of
 30 the use fees collected for administrative costs. All remaining



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31 funds from the collection of the annual use fees shall be
 32 distributed by The Able Trust as follows:

33 (a) Twenty-five percent to the Brain and Spinal Cord
 34 Injury Program Trust Fund.

35 (b) Twenty-five percent to Prevent Blindness Florida.

36 (c) Fifty percent to the Florida Association of Centers
 37 for Independent Living in the form of matching grants from
 38 private, nongovernmental sources. Funds distributed to the
 39 Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living must be
 40 used for programs and activities serving disabled Floridians.

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 42 A maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the
 43 plate may be used for administrative costs.

44 (5) If an owner or lessee to whom the department has
 45 issued a motorcycle specialty license plate acquires a
 46 replacement vehicle within the owner's registration period, the
 47 department must authorize a transfer of the specialty license
 48 plate to the replacement vehicle in accordance with s. 320.0609.
 49 The annual use fee or processing fee may not be refunded.

50 (6) The motorcycle specialty license plate shall be 4
 51 inches wide by 7 inches long and incorporate a red, white, and
 52 blue color scheme approved by the department and may bear the
 53 imprint of numerals from 1 to 999, inclusive, capital letters
 54 "A" through "Z," or a combination thereof. The department shall
 55 determine the maximum number of characters, including numerals
 56 and letters. Motorcycle specialty license plates must be
 57 otherwise of the same material as standard license plates issued
 58 for any registration period. In small letters, the word
 59 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate.

60 (7) The department may issue personalized prestige plates



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61 for license plates authorized in this section. Such plates shall
62 be issued in accordance with applicable provisions contained in
63 s. 320.0805.

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