

By Senator Clary

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See HB 445

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to specialty license plates;  
3           amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.;  
4           creating the Save Our Seas license plate;  
5           creating the Aquaculture license plate;  
6           providing for the distribution of annual use  
7           fees received from the sale of such plates;  
8           providing an effective date.

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

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12           Section 1. Paragraphs (ss) and (tt) are added to  
13 subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to  
14 read:

15           320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

18           (ss) Save Our Seas license plate, \$25, except that for  
19 commercial vehicle fleets of more than 10 vehicles, the annual  
20 use fee shall be \$10 per plate.

21           (tt) Aquaculture license plate, \$25, except that for  
22 commercial vehicle fleets of more than 10 vehicles, the annual  
23 use fee shall be \$10 per plate.

24           Section 2. Subsections (45) and (46) are added to  
25 section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

26           320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

27           (45) SAVE OUR SEAS LICENSE PLATES.--

28           (a) The department shall develop a Save Our Seas  
29 license plate as provided in this section. Save Our Seas  
30 license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the  
31 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the

1 plate, and the words "Save Our Seas" must appear at the bottom  
2 of the plate.

3 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the  
4 Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc. After  
5 reimbursement for documented costs expended for establishing  
6 the license plate, the Harbor Branch Oceanographic  
7 Institution, Inc., shall use the remaining funds for marine  
8 science research and education programs as follows:

9 1. Ten percent of the funds shall be distributed to  
10 the Guy Harvey Research Foundation to conduct fisheries and  
11 shark research in the state.

12 2. Up to 15 percent of the funds may be used for  
13 administrative costs directly associated with the Harbor  
14 Branch Oceanographic Institution's marine science and marine  
15 education programs and administrative costs associated with  
16 the Save Our Seas license plate.

17 3. Up to 10 percent of the funds may be used for  
18 continuing promotion and marketing of the license plate.

19 4. The remaining funds shall be used to conduct  
20 scientific research and education on marine plants and animals  
21 and coastal oceanography in state marine waters; to collect  
22 and analyze long-term data sets on the state's critical marine  
23 habitats; to determine changes in populations and communities  
24 of marine organisms and their impacts on the use of the  
25 state's marine resources; to maintain reference collections of  
26 scientific specimens and photographic archives of the state's  
27 marine plants and animals; and to conduct scientific  
28 conferences of relevance to the state's marine resources and  
29 their management, utilization, and conservation.

30 (46) AQUACULTURE LICENSE PLATES.--  
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1           (a) The department shall develop an Aquaculture  
2 license plate as provided in this section. Aquaculture license  
3 plates must bear the colors and design approved by the  
4 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
5 plate, and the word "Aquaculture" must appear at the bottom of  
6 the plate.

7           (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the  
8 Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc. After  
9 reimbursement for documented costs expended for establishing  
10 the license plate, the Harbor Branch Oceanographic  
11 Institution, Inc., shall use the remaining funds for  
12 aquaculture research and education programs as follows:

13           1. Ten percent of the funds shall be distributed to  
14 the Guy Harvey Research Foundation to conduct outreach and  
15 education regarding aquaculture in the state.

16           2. Up to 15 percent of the funds may be used for  
17 administrative costs directly associated with the Harbor  
18 Branch Oceanographic Institution's aquaculture programs and  
19 administrative costs associated with the Aquaculture license  
20 plate.

21           3. Up to 10 percent of the funds may be used for  
22 continuing promotion and marketing of the license plate.

23           4. The remaining funds shall be used to conduct  
24 scientific research on environmentally responsible and  
25 sustainable methods of farming freshwater and saltwater  
26 organisms such as fish, shellfish, and crustaceans for food;  
27 biomedical species for pharmaceutical and nutraceutical  
28 compounds; and marine ornamentals for the aquarium trade.  
29 These funds shall also be used to expand the institution's  
30 educational programs that include secondary school field  
31 experiences, college degree programs, and intensive courses in

1 order to further the objective of increasing aquaculture's  
2 contribution to the state's economy.  
3       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.  
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