

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Clary

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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 an owner purchasing the specialty license plate for more than
20 10 vehicles registered to that owner, the annual use fee shall
21 be \$10 per plate.
22 (tt) Aquaculture license plate, \$25, except that for
23 an owner purchasing the specialty license plate for more than
24 10 vehicles registered to that owner, the annual use fee shall
25 be \$10 per plate.

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

28 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--
29 (45) SAVE OUR SEAS LICENSE PLATES.--
30 (a) The department shall develop a Save Our Seas
31 license plate as provided in this section. Save Our Seas

1 license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the
2 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
3 plate, and the words "Save Our Seas" must appear at the bottom
4 of the plate.

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

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

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

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

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

1 (46) AQUACULTURE LICENSE PLATES.--
2 (a) The department shall develop an Aquaculture
3 license plate as provided in this section. Aquaculture license
4 plates must bear the colors and design approved by the
5 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
6 plate, and the word "Aquaculture" must appear at the bottom of
7 the plate.
8 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the
9 Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc. After
10 reimbursement for documented costs expended for establishing
11 the license plate, the Harbor Branch Oceanographic
12 Institution, Inc., shall use the remaining funds for
13 aquaculture research and education programs as follows:
14 1. Ten percent of the funds shall be distributed to
15 the Guy Harvey Research Foundation to conduct outreach and
16 education regarding aquaculture in the state.
17 2. Up to 15 percent of the funds may be used for
18 administrative costs directly associated with the Harbor
19 Branch Oceanographic Institution's aquaculture programs and
20 administrative costs associated with the Aquaculture license
21 plate.
22 3. Up to 10 percent of the funds may be used for
23 continuing promotion and marketing of the license plate.
24 4. The remaining funds shall be used to conduct
25 scientific research on environmentally responsible and
26 sustainable methods of farming freshwater and saltwater
27 organisms such as fish, shellfish, and crustaceans for food;
28 biomedical species for pharmaceutical and nutraceutical
29 compounds; and marine ornamentals for the aquarium trade.
30 These funds shall also be used to expand the institution's
31 educational programs that include secondary school field

1 experiences, college degree programs, and intensive courses in
2 order to further the objective of increasing aquaculture's
3 contribution to the state's economy.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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6 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
8 Senate Bill 2020

9 This CS provides that any single owner purchasing more than 10
10 of the specialty plates created by the bill for vehicles
11 registered to that owner shall pay an annual use fee of only
12 \$10 per plate.
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