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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to specialty license plates;  
amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.;  
creating the Support Soccer license plate;  
providing for an annual use fee; providing for  
the distribution of such fees received from the  
sale of the plates; providing an effective  
date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (ss) 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:

(ss) Support Soccer license plate, \$25.

Section 2. Subsection (45) is added to section  
320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

(45) SUPPORT SOCCER LICENSE PLATES.--

(a) The department shall develop a Support Soccer  
license plate as provided in this section. Support Soccer  
license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the  
department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
plate, and the words "Support Soccer" must appear at the  
bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the  
Lighthouse Soccer Foundation, Inc., which shall retain the  
initial revenues from the sale of such plates until all  
startup costs for developing and establishing the plate have

1 been recovered, not to exceed \$85,000. Thereafter, the  
2 proceeds of the annual use fee shall be used in the following  
3 manner:

4 1. Up to 25 percent of the proceeds may be used by the  
5 Lighthouse Soccer Foundation, Inc., for continuing promotion  
6 and marketing of the license plate and concept.

7 2. Twenty percent shall be distributed to the Florida  
8 Youth Soccer Association for programs and services that foster  
9 the physical, mental, and emotional growth and development of  
10 Florida's youth through the sport of soccer at all levels of  
11 age and competition, including a portion to be determined by  
12 the Florida Youth Soccer Association for the TOPSoccer program  
13 to promote participation by the physically and mentally  
14 disadvantaged.

15 3. Twenty percent shall be distributed as grants for  
16 programs that promote participation by the economically  
17 disadvantaged and to support soccer programs where none  
18 previously existed.

19 4. Ten percent shall be distributed to the Florida  
20 State Soccer Association to promote the sport of soccer and  
21 the long-term development of the sport.

22 5. Ten percent shall be distributed as grants for  
23 programs that promote and support the construction of fields  
24 and soccer-specific infrastructure.

25 6. Ten percent shall be distributed as grants for  
26 programs that foster and promote health, physical fitness, and  
27 educational opportunities through soccer.

28 7. Five percent shall be expended by the Lighthouse  
29 Soccer Foundation, Inc., for administrative costs directly  
30 associated with the foundation's operations as they relate to  
31 the management and distribution of the proceeds.

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