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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss.
 3 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating the Save Our Seas
 4 license plate; creating the Aquaculture license plate;
 5 providing for the distribution of annual use fees received
 6 from the sale of such plates; providing an 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. Paragraphs (ss) and (tt) are added to
 11 subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to read:

12 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

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

18 (tt) Aquaculture 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 Section 2. Subsections (45) and (46) are added to section
 22 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

23 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

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

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

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30 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Harbor
 31 Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc. After reimbursement for
 32 documented costs expended for establishing the license plate,
 33 the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc., shall use the
 34 remaining funds for marine science research and education
 35 programs as follows:

36 1. Ten percent of the funds shall be distributed to the
 37 Guy Harvey Research Foundation to conduct fisheries and shark
 38 research in the state.

39 2. Up to 15 percent of the funds may be used for
 40 administrative costs directly associated with the Harbor Branch
 41 Oceanographic Institution's marine science and marine education
 42 programs and administrative costs associated with the Save Our
 43 Seas license plate.

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

46 4. The remaining funds shall be used to conduct scientific
 47 research and education on marine plants and animals and coastal
 48 oceanography in state marine waters; to collect and analyze
 49 long-term data sets on the state's critical marine habitats; to
 50 determine changes in populations and communities of marine
 51 organisms and their impacts on the use of the state's marine
 52 resources; to maintain reference collections of scientific
 53 specimens and photographic archives of the state's marine plants
 54 and animals; and to conduct scientific conferences of relevance
 55 to the state's marine resources and their management,
 56 utilization, and conservation.

57 (46) AQUACULTURE LICENSE PLATES.--

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58 (a) The department shall develop an Aquaculture license
 59 plate as provided in this section. Aquaculture license plates
 60 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
 61 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the word
 62 "Aquaculture" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

63 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Harbor
 64 Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc. After reimbursement for
 65 documented costs expended for establishing the license plate,
 66 the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc., shall use the
 67 remaining funds for aquaculture research and education programs
 68 as follows:

69 1. Ten percent of the funds shall be distributed to the
 70 Guy Harvey Research Foundation to conduct outreach and education
 71 regarding aquaculture in the state.

72 2. Up to 15 percent of the funds may be used for
 73 administrative costs directly associated with the Harbor Branch
 74 Oceanographic Institution's aquaculture programs and
 75 administrative costs associated with the Aquaculture license
 76 plate.

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

79 4. The remaining funds shall be used to conduct scientific
 80 research on environmentally responsible and sustainable methods
 81 of farming freshwater and saltwater organisms such as fish,
 82 shellfish, and crustaceans for food; biomedical species for
 83 pharmaceutical and nutraceutical compounds; and marine
 84 ornamentals for the aquarium trade. These funds shall also be
 85 used to expand the institution's educational programs that
 86 include secondary school field experiences, college degree

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87 programs, and intensive courses in order to further the
88 objective of increasing aquaculture's contribution to the
89 state's economy.

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