

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Finance & Tax recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss.
7 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating the Save Our Seas
8 license plate and the Aquaculture license plate; providing
9 for the distribution of annual use fees received from the
10 sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

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

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

16 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

19 (ss) Save Our Seas license plate, \$25, except that for an
20 owner purchasing the specialty license plate for more than 10
21 vehicles registered to that owner, the annual use fee shall be
22 \$10 per plate.

23 (tt) Aquaculture license plate, \$25, except that for an
 24 owner purchasing the specialty license plate for more than 10
 25 vehicles registered to that owner, the annual use fee shall be
 26 \$10 per plate.

27 Section 2. Subsections (45) and (46) are added to section
 28 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

29 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

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

31 (a) The department shall develop a Save Our Seas license
 32 plate as provided in this section. Save Our Seas license plates
 33 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
 34 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
 35 words "Save Our Seas" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

36 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Harbor
 37 Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc. After reimbursement for
 38 documented costs expended for establishing the license plate,
 39 the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc., shall use the
 40 remaining funds for marine science research and education
 41 programs as follows:

42 1. Ten percent of the funds shall be distributed to the
 43 Guy Harvey Research Institute of the Nova Southeastern
 44 University Oceanographic Center to conduct fisheries and shark
 45 research in the state.

46 2. Up to 15 percent of the funds may be used for
 47 administrative costs directly associated with the Harbor Branch
 48 Oceanographic Institution's marine science and marine education
 49 programs and administrative costs associated with the Save Our
 50 Seas license plate.

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

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

64 (46) AQUACULTURE LICENSE PLATES.--

65 (a) The department shall develop an Aquaculture license
66 plate as provided in this section. Aquaculture license plates
67 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
68 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the word
69 "Aquaculture" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

70 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Harbor
71 Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc. After reimbursement for
72 documented costs expended for establishing the license plate,
73 the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc., shall use the
74 remaining funds for aquaculture research and education programs
75 as follows:

76 1. Ten percent of the funds shall be distributed to the
77 Guy Harvey Research Institute of the Nova Southeastern

78 | University Oceanographic Center to conduct outreach and
79 | education regarding aquaculture in the state.

80 | 2. Up to 15 percent of the funds may be used for
81 | administrative costs directly associated with the Harbor Branch
82 | Oceanographic Institution's aquaculture programs and
83 | administrative costs associated with the Aquaculture license
84 | plate.

85 | 3. Up to 10 percent of the funds may be used for
86 | continuing promotion and marketing of the license plate.

87 | 4. The remaining funds shall be used to conduct scientific
88 | research on environmentally responsible and sustainable methods
89 | of farming freshwater and saltwater organisms such as fish,
90 | shellfish, and crustaceans for food; biomedical species for
91 | pharmaceutical and nutraceutical compounds; and marine
92 | ornamentals for the aquarium trade. These funds shall also be
93 | used to expand the institution's educational programs that
94 | include secondary school field experiences, college degree
95 | programs, and intensive courses in order to further the
96 | objective of increasing aquaculture's contribution to the
97 | state's economy.

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