

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Transportation 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 Discover
8 Florida's Oceans license plate; providing for the
9 distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of
10 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. Paragraph (ss) is added to subsection (4) of
15 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) Discover Florida's Oceans license plate, \$25.

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

22 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

23 (45) DISCOVER FLORIDA'S OCEANS LICENSE PLATES.--

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

30 (b) The proceeds of the annual use fee shall be
 31 distributed to the Hubbs Florida Ocean Fund, a 501(c)(3) public
 32 charity, for the specific purpose of administering the annual
 33 use fees received from the sale of the plates as follows:

34 1. Twenty percent of the funds received by the Hubbs
 35 Florida Ocean Fund shall be distributed to the Wildlife
 36 Foundation of Florida, Inc., to be used for ocean, estuarine, or
 37 coastal scientific research, conservation, and education
 38 projects.

39 2. Up to 10 percent of the funds received by the Hubbs
 40 Florida Ocean Fund may be used for administrative costs directly
 41 associated with Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute research,
 42 conservation, and education programs and the Discover Florida's
 43 Oceans license plate.

44 3. Up to 15 percent of the funds received by the Hubbs
 45 Florida Ocean Fund may be used for continuing promotion and
 46 marketing of the license plate.

47 4. The remainder of the funds received by the Hubbs
 48 Florida Ocean Fund shall be used to collect, analyze, archive,
 49 and publish scientific data regarding Florida's ocean, estuary,
 50 and coastal habitats and species that inhabit, utilize, or
 51 migrate in state waters or along the state's coastal areas; to

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52 provide response, care, assistance, and research as part of
53 Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute's statewide role in responding
54 to and archiving data on stranded marine species; to construct
55 and maintain a marine and coastal research center in association
56 with the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge on lands donated
57 to Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute by the Richard King Mellon
58 Foundation; to train teachers and students to enhance scientific
59 literacy, scientific research competency, and technology
60 development; to conduct ocean-space aquatic research and
61 scientific research focused on ocean observations from space; to
62 conduct research on economic benefits of the state's ocean,
63 estuary, and coastal resources and public use of those
64 resources; to create research and education programs that
65 contribute to the development of the state's knowledge
66 infrastructure and diversify the economy; and to implement
67 programs that seek objective, common-sense, scientific solutions
68 to the complex marine and coastal ecological problems facing the
69 state.

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