

By the Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
Appropriations; and Senator Fasano

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056
3 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Florida Tennis license
4 plate; creating a Lighthouse Association license plate;
5 creating an I Believe license plate; creating an In God We
6 Trust license plate; providing for the distribution of
7 annual use 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 (mmm), (nnn), (ooo), and (ppp) are
13 added to subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes,
14 to read:

15 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

18 (mmm) Florida Tennis license plate, \$25.

19 (nnn) Lighthouse Association license plate, \$25.

20 (ooo) I Believe license plate, \$25.

21 (ppp) In God We Trust license plate, \$25.

22 Section 2. Subsections (65), (66), (67), and (68) are added
23 to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

24 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

25 (65) FLORIDA TENNIS LICENSE PLATES.--

26 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Tennis license
27 plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must appear
28 at the top of the plate and the words "Play Tennis" must appear
29 at the bottom of the plate. The United States Tennis Association

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30 Florida Section Foundation may submit a revised sample plate for
31 consideration by the department.

32 (b) The department shall distribute the annual use fees to
33 the Florida Sports Foundation, a direct-support organization of
34 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. The
35 license plate annual use fees shall be annually allocated as
36 follows:

37 1. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fees
38 may be used by the Florida Sports Foundation to administer the
39 license plate program.

40 2. The United States Tennis Association Florida Section
41 shall receive the first \$60,000 in proceeds from the annual use
42 fees to reimburse it for startup costs, administrative costs, and
43 other costs it incurs in the development and approval process.

44 3. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fees
45 may be used for promoting and marketing the license plates. The
46 remaining proceeds shall be available for grants by the United
47 States Tennis Association Florida Section Foundation to nonprofit
48 organizations to operate youth tennis programs and adaptive
49 tennis programs for special populations of all ages, and for
50 building, renovating, and maintaining public tennis courts.

51 (c) All grant recipients shall provide to the United States
52 Tennis Association Florida Section Foundation an annual program
53 and financial report regarding the use of grant funds. Such
54 reports shall be made available to the public.

55 (66) LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.--

56 (a) The department shall develop a Lighthouse Association
57 license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"
58 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Visit Our

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59 Lights" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

60 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida
61 Lighthouse Association, Inc., which may use a maximum of 10
62 percent of the proceeds to promote and market the plates. The
63 remaining proceeds shall be used by the association to fund the
64 preservation, restoration, and protection of the 29 historic
65 lighthouses remaining in the state.

66 (67) I BELIEVE LICENSE PLATES.--

67 (a) The department shall develop an I Believe license plate
68 as provided in this section. However, the requirements of s.
69 320.08053 must be met before the plates are issued. The plate
70 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
71 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate and the words
72 "I Believe" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

73 (b) The annual use fees from the plate shall be distributed
74 to Faith in Teaching, Inc., which may retain all revenue from the
75 use fees until all startup costs for developing and establishing
76 the plate have been recovered. Thereafter, Faith in Teaching,
77 Inc., shall allocate the annual use fees as follows:

78 1. A maximum of 10 percent may be used to offset
79 administrative costs incurred by Faith in Teaching, Inc.;

80 2. A maximum of 10 percent may be used to promote and
81 market the plate; and

82 3. The remaining funds shall be used to fund programs,
83 activities, and projects that promote faith-based education for
84 youth in this state.

85 (68) IN GOD WE TRUST LICENSE PLATES.--

86 (a) The department shall develop an In God We Trust license
87 plate as provided in this section. However, the requirements of

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88 s. 320.08053 must be met before the plates are issued. In God We
89 Trust license plates must bear the colors and design approved by
90 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
91 plate, and the words "In God We Trust" must appear in the body of
92 the plate.

93 (b) The license plate annual use fees shall be distributed
94 to the In God We Trust Foundation, Inc., to fund educational
95 scholarships for the children of Florida residents who are
96 members of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard,
97 and the United States Armed Forces Reserve and for the children
98 of public safety employees who have died in the line of duty who
99 are not covered by existing state law. Funds shall also be
100 distributed to other 501(c)(3) organizations that may apply for
101 grants and scholarships and to provide educational grants to
102 public and private schools to promote the historical and
103 religious significance of American and Florida history. The In
104 God We Trust Foundation, Inc., shall distribute the license plate
105 annual use fees in the following manner:

106 1. The In God We Trust Foundation, Inc., shall retain all
107 revenues from the sale of such plates until all startup costs for
108 developing and establishing the plate have been recovered.

109 2. Ten percent of the funds received by the In God We Trust
110 Foundation, Inc., shall be expended for administrative costs,
111 promotion, and marketing of the license plate directly associated
112 with the operations of the In God We Trust Foundation, Inc.

113 3. All remaining funds shall be expended by the In God We
114 Trust Foundation, Inc., for programs.

115 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.