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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 In God We Trust license plate; providing for
6 the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale
7 of such plates; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Paragraphs (mmm), (nnn), and (ooo) are added to
12 subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to read:

13 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

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

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

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

18 (ooo) In God We Trust license plate, \$25.

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

21 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

22 (65) FLORIDA TENNIS LICENSE PLATES.--

23 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Tennis license
24 plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must appear
25 at the top of the plate and the words "Play Tennis" must appear
26 at the bottom of the plate. The United States Tennis Association
27 Florida Section Foundation may submit a revised sample plate for
28 consideration by the department.

29 (b) The department shall distribute the annual use fees to

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30 the Florida Sports Foundation, a direct-support organization of
31 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. The
32 license plate annual use fees shall be annually allocated as
33 follows:

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

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

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

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

52 (66) LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.--

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

57 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida
58 Lighthouse Association, Inc., which may use a maximum of 10

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59 percent of the proceeds to promote and market the plates. The
60 remaining proceeds shall be used by the association to fund the
61 preservation, restoration, and protection of the 29 historic
62 lighthouses remaining in the state.

63 (67) IN GOD WE TRUST LICENSE PLATES.--

64 (a) The department shall develop an In God We Trust license
65 plate as provided in this section. However, the requirements of
66 s. 320.08053 must be met before the plates are issued. In God We
67 Trust license plates must bear the colors and design approved by
68 the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
69 plate, and the words "In God We Trust" must appear in the body of
70 the plate.

71 (b) The license plate annual use fees shall be distributed
72 to the In God We Trust Foundation, Inc., to fund educational
73 scholarships for the children of Florida residents who are
74 members of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard,
75 and the United States Armed Forces Reserve and for the children
76 of public safety employees who have died in the line of duty who
77 are not covered by existing state law. Funds shall also be
78 distributed to other 501(c)(3) organizations that may apply for
79 grants and scholarships and to provide educational grants to
80 public and private schools to promote the historical and
81 religious significance of American and Florida history. The In
82 God We Trust Foundation, Inc., shall distribute the license plate
83 annual use fees in the following manner:

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

87 2. Ten percent of the funds received by the In God We Trust

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88 Foundation, Inc., shall be expended for administrative costs,
89 promotion, and marketing of the license plate directly associated
90 with the operations of the In God We Trust Foundation, Inc.

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

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