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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; creating a  
6 Horse Country license plate; providing for the  
7 distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of  
8 such plates; 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) In God We Trust license plate, \$25.

21 (ppp) Horse Country 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) IN GOD WE TRUST LICENSE PLATES.--

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

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

87 1. The In God We Trust Foundation, Inc., shall retain all

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88 revenues from the sale of such plates until all startup costs for  
89 developing and establishing the plate have been recovered.

90 2. Ten percent of the funds received by the In God We Trust  
91 Foundation, Inc., shall be expended for administrative costs,  
92 promotion, and marketing of the license plate directly associated  
93 with the operations of the In God We Trust Foundation, Inc.

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

96 (68) HORSE COUNTRY LICENSE PLATES.--

97 (a) Notwithstanding s. 320.08053, the department shall  
98 develop a Horse Country license plate as provided in this  
99 section. Horse Country license plates must bear the colors and  
100 design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear  
101 at the top of the plate, and the words "Horse Country" must  
102 appear at the bottom of the plate.

103 (b) The requirements of s. 320.08053 must be met prior to  
104 the issuance of the plate. Thereafter, the license plate annual  
105 use fees shall be distributed to PCMI Properties, Inc., to fund  
106 programs involved in the rehabilitation of at-risk youth as  
107 directed by the Board of Trustees of PCMI Properties, Inc. Such  
108 funds may be used to provide educational materials, athletic  
109 equipment, transportation, food, medical services, counseling,  
110 scholarships, and other direct administrative and program  
111 expenses. The funds may also be used as grants for expansion of  
112 youth rehabilitation programs in the state. Special consideration  
113 shall be given to programs using horses and other livestock in  
114 the efforts to redirect at-risk youth. PCMI Properties, Inc., may  
115 retain all revenue from the annual use fees until all startup  
116 costs for developing and establishing the plate have been

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117 | recovered. Thereafter, up to 10 percent of the annual use fee  
118 | revenue may be used for promotion and marketing of the plate, and  
119 | as necessary for annual audit or compliance affidavit costs.

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