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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending
3 ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating a
4 Fraternal Order of Police license plate and an Autism
5 license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the
6 plates; providing for the distribution of use fees
7 received from the sale of such plates; providing an
8 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 (qqq) and (rrr) are added to
13 subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to read:

14 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

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

17 (qqq) Fraternal Order of Police license plate, \$25.

18 (rrr) Autism license plate, \$25.

19 Section 2. Subsections (69) and (70) are added to section
20 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

21 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

22 (69) FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LICENSE PLATES.—

23 (a)1. The department shall develop a Fraternal Order of
24 Police license plate as provided in this section. The plate must
25 bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word
26 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate and the words
27 "Fraternal Order of Police" must appear at the bottom of the
28 plate.

29 2. The department may issue the plate only to an applicant

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30 who submits a notarized letter from the Florida State Lodge of
31 the Fraternal Order of Police stating that the applicant is a
32 member of the lodge in good standing or a member of a lodge
33 member's family, together with other fees and documents required
34 for a specialty plate.

35 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida
36 State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, which shall retain
37 all proceeds until the startup costs to develop and establish
38 the plate have been recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds shall be
39 distributed to the Florida State Lodge Memorial Foundation of
40 the Fraternal Order of Police and used as follows:

41 1. A maximum of 25 percent of the proceeds may be used to
42 promote and market the plate, to administer the license plate
43 program, and to pay administrative costs directly associated
44 with the state Fraternal Order of Police Law Enforcement
45 Memorial.

46 2. The remaining fees shall be used by the foundation to
47 fund projects, programs, or events related to the memorial or to
48 fund improvements, maintenance, or other support for the
49 memorial.

50 (70) AUTISM LICENSE PLATES.-

51 (a) The department shall develop an Autism license plate as
52 provided in this section. Autism license plates must bear the
53 colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida"
54 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Support
55 Autism Programs" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

56 (b) The proceeds from the license plate annual use fee
57 shall be distributed to Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers,
58 Inc., to fund service programs for autism and related

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59 disabilities throughout the state and to operate and establish
60 programs to support individuals with autism and related
61 disabilities through direct services, evaluation, training, and
62 awareness. Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., shall
63 establish an Autism Services Grant Council whose membership
64 shall be drawn from among stakeholders throughout the state who
65 represent the interests of individuals with autism and related
66 disabilities. The grant council shall provide grants from
67 available Autism license plate proceeds to nonprofit
68 organizations throughout the state to establish or operate
69 direct services and programs for individuals with autism and
70 related disabilities and their families or to market the Autism
71 license plate. Consideration for participation in such services
72 and programs shall be given to applicants who are children or
73 adults with autism and related disabilities and their families
74 and shall include those who are on the Agency for Persons with
75 Disabilities waiting lists for services. Achievement and
76 Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., shall also establish an Autism
77 License Plate Fund. Moneys in the fund shall be used by the
78 grant council as provided in this paragraph. All funds received
79 under this subsection must be used in this state.

80 (c) Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., may
81 retain all proceeds from the annual use fee up to \$85,000 until
82 all documented startup costs for developing and establishing the
83 plate have been recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds from the
84 annual use fee shall be used as follows:

85 1. Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., may use up
86 to 10 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fee for all
87 administrative costs associated with the operation of the Autism

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88 Services Grant Council, the Autism License Plate Fund, and the
89 programs established and operated as provided in subparagraph
90 2., including the costs of an annual audit or compliance
91 affidavit.

92 2. Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., may use up
93 to 25 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fee to
94 establish and operate programs statewide to support individuals
95 with autism and related disabilities and their families through
96 direct services, evaluation, and training.

97 3. Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., shall
98 disburse 15 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fee to
99 the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the University
100 of Miami for distribution to the seven regional autism centers
101 created under s. 1004.55. To the extent possible, the director
102 of the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the
103 University of Miami shall distribute funds proportionately among
104 the regional centers. The regional centers shall use the funds
105 to support the services they provide.

106 4. Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., shall
107 disburse 50 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fee to
108 the Autism Services Grant Council, which shall provide grants to
109 nonprofit organizations throughout the state to establish or
110 operate direct services and programs for individuals with autism
111 and related disabilities and their families or to market the
112 Autism license plate.

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114 All grant recipients, the Achievement and Rehabilitation
115 Centers, Inc., and the Center for Autism and Related
116 Disabilities at the University of Miami shall provide to the

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117 Autism Services Grant Council an annual program and financial
118 report regarding the use of the proceeds from the annual use
119 fee. The report shall be made available to the public.

120 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.