

By the Committees on Transportation; and Communications, Energy,  
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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to license plates; amending ss.  
320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Go Green  
Florida license plate, a Florida Biodiversity  
Foundation license plate, a Toomey Foundation for the  
Natural Sciences license plate, and a Trinity license  
plate; establishing an annual fee for the plates;  
providing for the distribution of use fees received  
from the annual sale of such plates; providing an  
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraphs (qqq), (rrr), (sss), and (ttt) are  
added to subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes,  
to read:

320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

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

(qqq) Go Green Florida license plate, \$25.

(rrr) Florida Biodiversity Foundation license plate, \$25.

(sss) Toomey Foundation for the Natural Sciences license  
plate, \$25.

(ttt) Trinity license plate, \$25.

Section 2. Subsections (69), (70), (71), and (72) are added  
to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(69) GO GREEN FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Go Green Florida license

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30 plate as provided in this section. The plate must bear the  
31 colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida"  
32 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Go Green  
33 Florida" must appear at the bottom of the plate. The Go Green  
34 Florida emblem or logo must appear on the plate.

35 (b) The requirements of s. 320.08053 must be met before the  
36 issuance of the plate.

37 (c) The proceeds from the sale of the plate shall be  
38 distributed to the Coalition for Renewable Energy Solutions,  
39 Inc. After reimbursement for documented costs expended to  
40 establish the plates and for annual auditing costs, the  
41 coalition shall use the proceeds of the annual use fees in the  
42 following manner:

43 1. A maximum of 5 percent shall be used for administrative  
44 costs directly associated with the management and distribution  
45 of the proceeds.

46 2. A maximum of 25 percent shall be used for the continuing  
47 statewide promotion and marketing of the plate.

48 3. Seventy percent shall be used to fund the Renewable  
49 Energy and Energy-Efficient Technology Grants Program pursuant  
50 to s. 377.804, the Solar Energy System Incentives Program  
51 pursuant to s. 377.806, under the Florida Energy and Climate  
52 Commission, or other educational programs dedicated to providing  
53 effective alternative energy practices.

54 (d) The coalition shall comply with the financial audit  
55 requirements of s. 320.08062.

56 (e) The Go Green Florida emblem or logo may be used as a  
57 decal by the department in recognition of energy-efficient  
58 vehicle usage and practices. However, the display of the decal

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59 is not a substitute for a license plate.

60 (70) FLORIDA BIODIVERSITY FOUNDATION LICENSE PLATES.-

61 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Biodiversity  
62 Foundation license plate as provided in this section. The plate  
63 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The  
64 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the  
65 words "Save Wild Florida" must appear at the bottom of the  
66 plate.

67 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida  
68 Biodiversity Foundation Inc., which shall retain 50 percent of  
69 the proceeds until the startup costs to develop and establish  
70 the plates have been recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds shall  
71 be used as follows:

72 1. A maximum of 25 percent of the proceeds may be used to  
73 fund the administrative, promotion, and marketing costs of the  
74 license plate program and the foundation.

75 2. The remaining fees shall be used by the foundation to  
76 fund research, education, and scientific study of the diversity  
77 of animals and plants and to aid in the preservation, study,  
78 conservation, and recovery of imperiled organisms.

79 (71) TOOMEY FOUNDATION FOR THE NATURAL SCIENCES LICENSE  
80 PLATES.-

81 (a) The department shall develop a Toomey Foundation for  
82 the Natural Sciences license plate as provided in this section.  
83 The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the  
84 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
85 plate, and the words "Preserving the Past" must appear at the  
86 bottom of the plate.

87 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Toomey

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88 Foundation for the Natural Sciences, Inc., which shall retain 50  
89 percent of the proceeds until the startup costs to develop and  
90 establish the plates have been recovered. Thereafter, the  
91 proceeds shall be used as follows:

92 1. A maximum of 25 percent of the proceeds may be used to  
93 fund the administrative, promotion, and marketing costs of the  
94 license plate program and the foundation.

95 2. The remaining fees shall be used by the foundation to  
96 acquire, manage, and preserve properties that are of scientific  
97 importance to paleontologists, archeologists, or geologists for  
98 the purposes of research and education, and to promote and  
99 protect the unique natural sciences of this state.

100 (72) TRINITY LICENSE PLATES.—

101 (a) The department shall develop a Trinity license plate as  
102 provided in this section. The plate must bear the colors and  
103 design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must  
104 appear at the top of the plate and the words "Sunshine State"  
105 must appear at the bottom of the plate.

106 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Toomey  
107 Foundation for the Natural Sciences, Inc., which shall retain 50  
108 percent of the proceeds until the startup costs to develop and  
109 establish the plates have been recovered. Thereafter, the  
110 proceeds shall be used as follows:

111 1. A maximum of 25 percent of the proceeds may be used to  
112 fund the administrative, promotion, and marketing costs of the  
113 license plate program and the foundation.

114 2. The remaining fees shall be used by the foundation to  
115 support educational, research, and scientific activities in this  
116 state, including the distribution of funds to qualified entities

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117 in furtherance of the stated purposes of the foundation.

118 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2009.