

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2       An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss.  
 3       320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Catch Me,  
 4       Release Me license plate; establishing an annual use fee  
 5       for the plate; providing for the distribution of use fees  
 6       received from the sale of such plates; providing an  
 7       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. Paragraph (qqq) is added to subsection (4) of  
 12       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               (qqq) Catch Me, Release Me license plate, \$25.

17       Section 2. Subsection (69) is added to section 320.08058,  
 18       Florida Statutes, to read:

19               320.08058 Specialty license plates.--  
 20               (69) CATCH ME, RELEASE ME LICENSE PLATES.--

21               (a) The department shall develop a Catch Me, Release Me  
 22       license plate as provided in this section. Catch Me, Release Me  
 23       license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the  
 24       department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
 25       plate, and the words "Catch Me, Release Me" must appear at the  
 26       bottom of the plate.

27               (b) The license plate annual use fees shall be distributed  
 28       to the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, Inc., to fund marine-related

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29 scientific research, including research of free-ranging pelagic  
30 marine species that inhabit, use, or migrate through Florida  
31 waters; conservation initiatives; and education and public  
32 outreach programs targeting school-aged children in the state.  
33 The Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, Inc., may retain all revenue up  
34 to \$60,000 from the annual use fees until all startup costs for  
35 developing and establishing the plate have been recovered.  
36 Thereafter, up to 10 percent of the annual use fee revenue may  
37 be used for administrative costs directly associated with the  
38 operations of the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, Inc., and up to  
39 10 percent may be used for promotion and marketing of the  
40 specialty license plate.

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